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Data having been collected throughout years of research, the following account of the Gilbert Family in America has been compiled so that a permanent record may be filed in the New York State Historical Library at Cooperstown and made available for those members of the family who are interested.

This article was sent to Cooperstown with the Bible belonging to William Gilbert (1779-1852), eldest son of Butler Gilbert (1747-1827) the pioneer in Otsego County, New York. The Bible was printed in 1812 at Hartford, Conn. and gives the family record of William, who migrated from Connecticut with his father, and was the ancestor who, in 1820, established his homestead in the Butternut Valley. The original picture of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert was sent to Cooperstown with the Bible. Also the picture of Levi and Maria (Butts) Gilbert and their children. The descendants of Levi and Maria Gilbert were the last of the family to live at the old Gilbert Lake homestead.

An effort has been made to collect all available vital statistics and recorded history of the family - the use of tradition has been avoided.

Except for historical value, religion, education, honors, degrees, social standing, etc., purposely have been omitted, since all of these records are not available.

A suggestion - That the above and additional information be added to each branch of the family by those interested.

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THE GILBERT FAMILY IN AMERICA

The Gilbert Family, who settled at Gilbert's Lake in the year 1791, had its origin in Devonshire, England. This Saxon name signifies Bright or Brave Pledge. The name "is written Gislebert in Dooms-day Booke" and on the Roll of Battle Abbey, T. Gilbard.

The family, in early England was granted a coat of arms:

Arms - Argent, on a chevron sable three roses of the field
Crest - A squirrel cracking a nut, proper
Motto - Tenax Proposti - Tenacious of purpose

Authentic records show that the family "was eminent in the annals of Church, State, and Learning, also distinguished in the naval, commercial history, geographical sciences and discoveries" for which the mother country was famous throughout its early history.

However, this account is concerned with the generations from the time that Jonathan Gilbert (1618-82) came into the colonies in the early 1630's, through those family lines in America who eventually settled at the lake named for them in Otsego County, New York. This section is now Gilbert's Lake State Park, located southwest of Cooperstown about three miles from the village of Laurens and twelve miles from Oneonta.

In 1926, The Central New York Park Commission acquired "this beautiful sheet of water" surrounded by high hills, with over 12,000 acres of land adjoining. A dam of modern construction raised the water level five feet increasing the size of the lake, the shore of which was originally one and one-half miles. The lake now covers eighty acres. A system of improved roads and trails has made the most attractive places easily accessible and the park has every convenience for camping, sports, picnics, etc. And so, well over a century later, instead of the town which had been the vision of Butler Gilbert when he settled at this locality, there has developed Gilbert Lake State Park which has become a resort for pleasure seekers from far and wide and is visited every year by thousands.

History proves that migrations often follow wars and soon after the American Revolution, Nathaniel Gilbert (1723-1787), great grandson of the English pioneer, Jonathan, moved westward from Middletown, Connecticut. Butler (1747-1827), son of this Nathaniel, and fourth generation from pioneer Jonathan, was the descendant who eventually settled at the lake which still bears the family name and which was their home for at least four generations.

Jonathan Gilbert, the pioneer ancestor in America, was born 1618 in England and died Dec. 10, 1682, aged 64 years, at Hartford, Connecticut. He was one of the founders of that colony.

Records give more than one Jonathan Gilbert in early Connecticut history. About 1645 there were at least five men by the name of Gilbert in Hartford, Conn. and vicinity. One descendant speaks of them as brothers and from his will Thomas Gilbert had a son Jonathan. Other good authorities give the English ancestry of our Jonathan as other than Thomas. One thing is certain that the following records apply to Jonathan born 1618, died 1682, for that is a matter of record in the Colony of Connecticut. His grave, with tombstone and that of his second wife, Mary Wells, is at the rear of the Center Congressional Churchyard in the city of Hartford, with the following inscription:

Here Lyeth
The body of Cor-
net Jonathan Gil-
Bert Whoe Decease
the 10 of December
1682 in the 64 year
Of his (Age).

Much is given concerning this member of the family in a 241 page article on the Gilbert Family, printed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 4, some of which is copied below:

"In 1645, about 27 years of age Jonathan Gilbert was a bachelor, landholder in Hartford and soon after married Mary White. He became sufficiently familiar with the language of the aborigines to act as interpreter between them and the English government, rendering important service in the subsequent Indian wars and difficulties, by his facility in their language and in his resolute bravery. He was generally selected as a leader in emergencies of danger and importance. He was a man of business, of respectability and enterprise, engaged in the trade and coasting business of the young colonies, possessed a great wealth for that day and held various civil offices, was Collector of Customs at Hartford, Marshall of the colony, a Representative at the General Court, etc." His patriotism is evidenced by his being a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1653 and Cornet in Capt. John Mason's troops in the Pequot War. The title of Cornet was a valuable distinction and remained with him the rest of his life. See his gravestone inscription. The will of Jonathan Gilbert is included in the above mentioned article and a copy is to be found at the end of this article.

Jonathan Gilbert married Jan. 29, 1646, Mary White, born July 16, 1626, died 1650. She was the daughter of Elder John White who married, Dec. 26, 1622, in England, Mary Leavit. Elder John White was the son of Robert White who died June 1617, married June 24, 1585, Bridget Allgar who was born 1562 daughter of William Allgar who died 1575.

Members of the family have used the records of this ancestor in joining the Colonial Dames of America, National Society of New England Women, and his name is on the list of Colonial Daughters of the XVII Century, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Society of Colonial Wars, etc.

Children of Jonathan and Mary (White) Gilbert

I. Jonathan Gilbert (Jonathan 1) born May 11, 1648 at Hartford, Conn. He lived at Hartford until about 25 years of age, removed to Middletown, Conn. where he died Feb. 1, 1698. He married June 22, 1679, Dorothy Stowe, born Aug 1, 1659, died July 14, 1698. She was the daughter of the Rev. Samuel Stowe, born 1622, died May 3, 1704 at Middletown, Conn. He was the son of John Stowe from Biddenden Co., Kent, England, died Oct. 26, 1643, married Sept. 13, 1608, Elizabeth Bigg. She was buried Aug. 21, 1638, the daughter of John Bigg of Leidde who married Sept. 14, 1583 Rachel Martin. His father was Robert Bigg. John Stowe who died Oct. 26, 1643 at Roxbury was the son of John Stowe, married in 1572, Joan Baker. The Rev. Samuel Stowe married about 1649, Hope Fletcher who died before 1702 at Middletown. She was the daughter of William Fletcher who was born 1622, died Nov. 6, 1677 married Oct. 7, 1645, Lydia Bates. She died Oct. 12, 1704. He was from Chelmsford, the son of Robert Fletcher, born 1592, died April 3, 1677.

Jonathan Gilbert, jr. evidently was not a favorite of his step-mother - See footnote to his father's will. He spent some time in the West Indies and after his return and marriage to Dorothy, the daughter of Rev. Samuel Stowe, "A complete reconciliation was obtained." This has been copied to show how in marrying the minister's daughter, Jonathan, jr. made peace with his step-mother. She was the sister of Thomas Wells, one time governor of the Colony of Hartford and she may have had some ideas of ruling her step-son not always acceptable to him. In fact, her selfish temper is shown in state papers and her husband admitted that she took advantage of the oldest son for her own interests. Unfortunately, the father died before the promised change was made in his will and although he was considered a wealthy man, his oldest son received only some wild land in East Haddam, valued at L 20, out of an estate of L 2,500.

Children of Jonathan and Dorothy (Stowe) Gilbert

1. Mary born Mar. 18, 1680
2. Mehitable " Mar. 30, 1681
3. John " June 30, 1683
4. Jonathan " Sept. 8, 1684, died Sept. 27, 1684
5. Jonathan " April 8, 1687
6. Two children died soon after birth
6. Nathaniel born Dec. 27, 1689
7. Ezekiel " May 16, 1693, died Aug. 25, 1752, married Dec. 2, 1714, in Middletown, Patience Harris who died Aug. 15, 1777
8. Sarah born June 8, 1695
9. Mehitable " 1696

This list from Mrs. Stubbs of Omaha, Nebraska

Note - New England Historical and Genealogical Register -
p. 344 omits Mehitable, born 1681.
gives one Jonathan
gives Ezekial, born 1695
adds Ebenezer, posthumous 5 mo.

II Mary (Daughter of Jonathan and Mary White Gilbert) born, Dec. 1649, died young. This from the New England Hist. and Gen. Reg.

The Gilbert Family, by Brainard gives Mary born Dec. 15, 1649, married about 1669, John Rossiter who was born in England, died at Killingworth, Conn. Sept. 1670. He was the son of Dr. Bryan Rossiter of Dorchester, Winsor, Killingworth and Guilford, Conn. She married 2nd June 21, 1673 Samuel Holton of Nothampton, Mass. He was the son of Deacon William Holton. The date of death of Mrs. Mary (Gilbert) Rossiter Holton is unknown.

Children: John Rossiter born May 12, 1679 at Killingworth, Conn. Perhaps other children by second marriage.

Jonathan Gilbert, the pioneer, married 2nd, Mary, sister of Thomas and John Wells and daughter of Frances Colman by her first husband Hugh Wells. He was one of the founders of Hartford. She died July 3, 1700, aged 74.

Children of Jonathan and Mary (Wells) Gilbert

I. Hester, married Charles Dickinson
II. Lydia, born Oct. 3, 1654, married 1st John Richardson, 2nd --- Chapman.
III. Rachel, married 22 Sept. 1686, Josiah Marshfield.
IV. Mary married 1st John, oldest son of Dr. Bryan Rossiter. He died Sept. 1670, married 2nd Samuel Holton.

Note - The Gilbert Family, by Brainard (above) lists this Mary who married John Rossiter as daughter of Jonathan and his 1st wife Mary (White) Gilbert - no doubt that is correct.

V. Nathaniel, died unmarried
VI. Ebenezer of Kingsington.
VII. Samuel, married Oct. 2, 1864 Mary, daughter of Samuel Rogers of New London.

This list from the New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Register, Vol. 4, Page 344.

Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert (Jona. 2, Jona. 1) born Dec. 27, 1689 at Middletown, Conn. died April 16, 1756, at Middletown, married Mar. 1, 1717 Hannah Allen, born Mar. 6, 1699, at Middletown, died Oct. 15, 1724, at Middletown. She was the daughter of Deacon Thomas Allen, born Sept. 27, 1673, died Dec. 3, 1733, married May 4, 1698, Hannah Leak or Leck, died Apr. 1, 1740, who was the daughter of Ebenezer Leak baptized Sept. 12, 1647, removed to East Hampton, L.I., married Hannah Baker, born 1650, the daughter of Thomas Baker, born Sept. 29, 1618 in England, died April 30, 1700 in East Hampton, L.I. He married Alice Dayton born May 22, 1620 at Ashford, Kent, England, died Feb. 4, 1708-9 daughter of Ralph and Alice (Wilton) Dayton. Thomas Baker was the son of Thomas Baker who married Frances Downe. Ebenezer Leak was the son of Corporal Philip Leak of New Haven, Conn., died there May 1676. Deacon Thomas Allen was the son of Obadiah, died April 17, 1712, married Oct. 28, 1669, Elizabeth Sanford, born Sept. 1671, died Oct 26, 1723, daughter of Thomas and 2nd wife Sarah Sandford.

Children of Lt. Nathaniel and Hannah (Allen) Gilbert

1. Allen, born May 17, 1717 at Middletown, married Nov. 1, 1728 at Middletown, Rebecca (Butler) Cornwall, born Nov. 1727. She was the daughter of Peter Butler and sister of Mary Butler who married Nathaniel Gilbert, born 1723.

2. Hannah, born Sept. 10, 1718, died Jan. 12, 1804, aged 85, married Mar. 22, 1738-9 Joseph Wright of Middletown.

3. Dorothy, born May 6, 1721, died Oct. 4, 1743.

4. Nathaniel, born Dec. 4, 1723, died Mar. 2, 1787.

From the will of Thomas Allen and the Gilbert Family by Brainard, Nathaniel Gilbert married 2nd, Dec. 4, 1726, Elizabeth Prout, who died Sept. 1776, at Middletown.

Children of Lt. Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Prout) Gilbert

1. Elizabeth, born Dec. 15 or 17, 1728 or 9.
2. Elizabeth
3. Eunice
4. Ebenezer

For the Military record of Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert, see ancestor's Military services.

To distinguish between father and son, Nathaniel Gilbert (1689-1756) was established Lt. Nathaniel although he was later made a Captain, his son Nathaniel (1723-1787) was known as Captain Nathaniel.

Capt. Nathaniel Gilbert (Nath'l.3, Jona. 2, Jona. 1) born Dec. 4, 1723, at Middletown, Conn. died March 2, 1787 at New Lebanon, N. Y. He married Dec. 26, 1744, Mary Butler, born July 28, 1726, at Middletown, died Aug. 25, 1814 at New Lebanon. She was the daughter of Peter Butler, born April 9, 1700, at Wethersfield, Conn., died Sept. 14, 1732 at Middletown. He was the son of William Butler, born 1670, died Mary 20, 1714, at Wethersfield, Conn., married May 23, 1695, Hannah Hills of Hartford who died before 1712. William Butler was the son of Nathaniel Butler, born 1641, died Feb. 9, 1697 who was the son of Deacon Richard Butler, died Aug. 6, 1684. Deacon Richard descended from a long line of English ancestry. Hannah Hills, above, was the daughter of William Hills, the son of Thomas Hills of Essex, England, married Oct. 10, 1596 Jane Scarborrow. William Hills was a Captain in the Indian wars and was wounded by the Indians at Hockanum. He was born Dec. 27, 1608, married Aug. 1632 Phillis Lyman, born 1611, the daughter of Richard Lyman whose ancestors can be traced to early English history. Peter Butler married Dec. 18, 1723, Phoebe Stowe, born Aug. 2, 1704, the daughter of Thomas Stowe called junior, however his father was John Stowe, born Feb. 3, 1641, died Oct. 18, 1688 married Nov. 13, 1668 Mary Wetmore, born 1649.

This interesting line of Stowes descended from the ancient Stowes of London, England. The pioneer, John, was a proprietor of Roxbury, was a Representative to the General Court and joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. at Boston in 1638 together with his son Thomas. Various spellings were used in the family of Thomas Whitmore, father of Mary Wetmore. He was the son of Thomas and was born in England, 1618, married Dec. 11, 1645 Sarah Hall, died Dec. 7, 1664, daughter of John Hall born 1584, died May 26, 1673 and Ann (Wilcox) Hall. John Hall was a Colonial Deputy, etc., etc. Many of these family lines are on record and compiled to be added to a Gilbert Genealogy.

After the American Revolution, Captain Nathaniel Gilbert joined the western movement. He had commanded a company under Col. Comfort Sage at the time of Tryon's invasion of Connecticut, for his war record, see page giving Ancestor's Military Services. With him were at least his son Butler, who later settled at Gilbert's Lake, his daughter Molly and her husband Colonel Joseph Cornwall. Other sons who came into New York State and possibly in company with their father were Nathaniel, Allen and Giles.

Families of property carried with them household goods, stock, tools and mills for grinding grain, sawing lumber, etc., therefore making some body of water for power necessary. They came about 1785 to New Lebanon on the New York, Connecticut border. About two years later, Captain Nathaniel was drowned there in his own mill pond. The epitaph on the tombstone of Nathaniel Gilbert (1723-1787) reads as follows:

"Beneath this stone, in peaceful slumber lies
Gilbert the just, benevolent and wise,
His dust shall live and its glad spirit join,
And rise to life immortal and devine."

A copy of his will from the King's District in the County of Columbia, State of New York, is to be found at the end of this article. Date given "13th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven." This document names his wife Mary and that of his eight children.

Also included is a copy of an "Abstract from the Middletown Connecticut early records, regarding the family of Nathaniel Gilbert Jr." giving the names of his children, with date of birth. All were born in Middletown, Conn.

The following is mostly from Brainard's "Gilbert Genealogy" added to give to whom each married, etc.

Children of Nathaniel 4(Nath'l.3, Jona.2, Jona.1)
and
Mary (Butler) Gilbert

1. Dorothy, born Oct 5, 1745, married May 9, 1764, at Middletown, John Plum
2. Butler, born Oct. 22, 1747, married May 7, 1777, at Middletown, Abigail Woodhouse. See The Gilbert Family of Gilbert's Lake.

3. Nathaniel, born April 23, 1750, married April 29, 1770 at 2nd Church, Middletown, Cloe Ranney, born Mar. 2, 1753, died Aug. 5, 1831. Nathaniel died Dec. 8, 1831. Both died at Hamilton, New York. In 1790, he was an inhabitant of Whitestown, N. Y. having a family of 11. After the revolution, Nathaniel went to New Lebanon, N. Y. then to Hamilton.

4. Thomas, born April 1752, married Zilpha Fellows.

5. Hannah, born June 17, 1754, died April 16, 1781, married Sept. 14, 1775, John Candee, born April 16, 1750, at Middletown. He was a Yale graduate.

6. Allen, born June 1756, married Mary Hall. He was a Revolutionary soldier, captured and imprisoned in the Sugar House, placed on invalid pension roll in 1795. Then of Oswego Co., N. Y. He moved to Sharon, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Settled at what was afterwards known as Gilbert's Corners, removed to Orwell, Oswego Co. and died there.

7. Giles, born Aug. 21, 1759, died about 1800 at Bowman's Creek near Canajoharie, N. Y. married 1st Mary 23, 1779 at Redding, Conn. Deborah Hall, married 2nd - - - Giles resided at New Lebanon, N. Y. Settled at Canajoharie N. Y., He was Artificer in the Revolution. Giles had at least one son, Hiram, born about 1796.

8. Molly, born Sept. 18, 1764, married Aug. 11, 1784, Colonel Joseph Cornwall of Middletown and New Lebanon, N. Y. He was born June 8, 1761, died Sept. 22, 1815, son of Joseph and Phebe (Snow) Cornwall. Molly or Mary thought to be the nickname for the family name of Maryette.

9. Elijah; Brainard adds Elijah who married Patty Hubbard.

THE GILBERT LAKE FAMILY

Butler Gilbert (Nath'l, 4, Nath'l 3, Jona. 2, Jona. 1) the great great grandson of the pioneer Jonathan, and oldest son of Capt. Nathaniel, originally of Middletown, Conn. was the ancestor who settled in 1791 at Gilbert's Lake, Otsego Co., N. Y. At the time of the 1790 census, Butler was listed as a Head of family, five boys, mother and one daughter, at Canajoharie, town, Montgomery Co. N. Y.

After the death of his father, Nathaniel, at New Lebanon, N. Y., Butler with wife (Abigail) Woodhouse) Gilbert and their family pushed deeper into the state. They came from Bowman's Creek, in Mont. Co., N. Y. (See will of his father Nathaniel for land here willed to son Butler). They came by way of Cherry Valley towards the lakes known to be in the central part of the state, and eventually settled at the lake where he built his homestead and which was given the family name.

A "History of Otsego Co., N. Y.", states that Butler Gilbert was either given a grant of 1,000 acres of land or that he purchased this lake property from William Cooper. This was repeated in an article in the Morris Chronicle, by Frank L. Mills and has been family tradition. However, a deed in the Otsego Co. Clerk's office at Cooperstown establishes the fact that April 1793 Richard Smith sold this lake property to Butler Gilbert in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds. Part of the description states, "all that tract or lot of land situate, lying and being within the bounds of a patent granted to George Grogan and others and is commonly called Smith's Lake Lot". The deed is signed by Richard Smith, witnesses were William Cooper and Benjamin Sweet.

"The Story of Cooperstown" by Ralph Birdsall, states that Col. George Grogan came to America in 1741 and later took up 100,000 acres of land in this region. He built a hut at the foot of Otsego Lake and was the first settler at Cooperstown. Richard Smith came from Burlington, New Jersey in 1769, to the Susquehanna region. William Cooper came from Burlington, New Jersey in 1785 and took possession of the Crogan tract including 29,350 acres and costing about $50.00 an acre. These records show that Butler Gilbert purchased the lake property, at least, from the earliest land holders also at the approximate price per acre in those times. These lands have been divided through the years, sold and resold, see the Surrogate's Office in Cooperstown.

Another deed states that Sept. 9, 1793, Butler Gilbert sold to Benajab Capwill in consideration of 114 pounds, 8 shillings, 143 acres. This deed states that "I, the said Butler Gilbert reserve the liberty for himself, his heirs, executors, to flow the lake above mentioned nine feet. This indicates that in the sale the lake property was retained.

Butler built his homestead on the tract of land opposite the present entrance to the Gilbert Lake State Park. Butler and Abigail were the parents of nine children, six of whom were born at this time so the house was a large one, with seven fireplaces. This home was burned and rebuilt. Another house was built later by one of the sons on the shore overlooking the lake and this was still standing until demolished by the Park Commission. At least four generations lived at the lake, the last family were the children of Levi and Maria (Butts) Gilbert, these being the great grand children of Butler and Abigail. Their youngest son, Morris remained with his parents who lived throughout their lifetime where they had settled when coming to Otsego Co., N. Y.

Butler Gilbert served as a sergeant in the Continental Troops in the Revolution and was granted a pension April 28, 1818. April 5, 1806, he was elected by the legislature at the first town meeting in the town of Otego as the first Supervisor. For proper references see Ancestor's Services.

Butler Gilbert (Nath'l.4, Nath'l. 3, Jona.2, Jona. 1) was born Oct. 22, 1747 at Middletown, Conn. died May 3, 1827 at Gilbert's Lake, Otsego Co., N. Y. He married May 7, 1777 Abigail Woodhouse born Mar. 15, 1753, at Wethersfield, Conn. died Jan. 20, 1823 at Gilbert's Lake. She was the daughter of William Woodhouse of Wethersfield, Conn., born Mar. 18, 1717, died Jan. 4, 1771. William was the son of Joseph Woodhouse from Herfordshire, Eng. who died Aug. 1, 1774, married Dorothy Buck, born July 29, 1695, died Oct. 18, 1771. She was the daughter of Samuel Buck, born Feb. 2, 1664, died April 23, 1709, married Jan. 23, 1690 Sarah Butler at Wethersfield, daughter of Deacon Samuel Butler, died Dec. 31, 1692 whose father was Deacon Richard Butler. Deacon Samuel Butler married Elizabeth Olmsted, born at Hartford, died Oct. 12, 1681, daughter of Captain and Deacon Nicholas Olmsted, bapt. Feb. 15, 1612 at Fairsted, Eng., died Aug. 31, 1684, married Sept. 28, 1640 Sarah Loomis (Abt. 1617-1667) daughter of Joseph and Mary (White) Loomis. For this family see book Descendants of Joseph Loomis. Nicholas was the son of James Olmsted who came to Boston in 1632. This Olmsted line goes back to James, born 1550, Thomas born 1521, James born 1496, John born 1470. Samuel Buck was the son of Henry Buck, born 1626, died July 17, 1712. He was a Deputy to the General Assembly 1667 at Wethersfield, married Oct. 31, 1660 Elizabeth Churchill, born May 15, 1642, daughter of Josiah Churchill, died abt. Jan. 1, 1686, married Elizabeth Foote, born abt 1616 in England, died Sept. 8, 1700 at Wethersfield, daughter of Nathaniel Foote, born 1593, in England, died 1644, married 1615 Elizabeth Deming who died July 28, 1683, aged abt 88.

William Woodhouse, father of Abigail, married April 10, 1740 Mary Walker, born Dec. 26, 1711, at Stratford, Conn., died Nov. 10, 1796, daughter of Samuel Walker, born Nov. 7, 1671, married Feb. 3, 1697, at Wethersfield, Abigail (Butler) Crane, widow of John Crane. Her father was Nathaniel Butler, born 1641, died Feb. 9, 1697, son of Deacon Richard Butler. Samuel Walker was the

son of Jacob Walker, born Mar. 21, 1644, married Dec. 2, 1695, at Stratford, Conn., Elizabeth (Wheeler) Blakeman, born Aug. 1, 1642. She was the widow of Samuel Blakeman. Elizabeth was the daughter of Moses Wheeler, Sr., died Mar. 1, 1698 aged 100. Jacob Walker was the son of Robert Walker of Boston, born 1607, died May 29, 1687, married Sarah, born 1710-7, died Dec. 21, 1695.

Butler, the surname of his mother, Mary Butler and Walker from Mary Walker, mother of Abigail (Woodhouse) Gilbert, have been carried through the generations in nearly every family, the name of Gilbert also has been popular as a given name.

Various divisions of this section of the state were being formed in those early years. In 1791, the year the family came to Otsego Co., that county was taken from Montgomery Co., Cooperstown was designated as the county seat with William Cooper as the first judge.

At "the first Town Meeting, April ye 5th, 1796, agreeable to appointment of the Legislature", in the town of Otego, Butler Gilbert was elected the first Supervisor. These records are to be found in the Town Clerk's office at Oneonta, which was formerly Otego and taken from Unadilla in 1796. Towns were created by the Legislature until 1849 when power was given to the several Boards of Supervisors and there was elected in each town a Supervisor, Town Clerk, assessors, collector, etc.

It was not until 1810 that the town of Laurens was taken from Otego and Laurensville (now Laurens) was a village with 40 dwellings. It was incorporated April 22, 1834 with a population of about 500. The stream running from the lake was called Lake Brook and joined the Otsego Creek just below the village of Laurens.

The town of New Lisbon was taken from Pittsfield in 1806, the eastern boundary joining the town ship of Laurens being the "Town line road" which still runs from Naylor's Corners (then Johnson's Corners) directly towards the upper end of the lake.

William and his son Edwin Walker Gilbert built their homes in the Butternut Valley in the more western part of the town.

Owing to the fact that these early settlers owned large tracts of land, neighbors were not near, although families from New England were soon scattered over the rolling hills. Benjamin Tiffany and his wife Eleanor were the parents of Jonathan who married Maryette Gilbert, granddaughter of Butler. The Tiffany house was a splendid type of sturdy colonial architecture, the timbers hand hewn, with five fireplaces. The Tiffany cemetery has been preserved with its large marble slabs giving the death of Jonathan and two daughters in April 1850 of scarlet fever. Jonathan Johnson, born 1767 in Rhode Island, bought the land of William Cooper, on the Laurens road. He died April 1811 and is buried where he cut the first tree on his

new land. Later his son Jonathan bought land of the Gilbert's on the "Town line road". Nearer Laurens, Peleg Carr from Jamestown, R. I. built his home. He was the father of Mary Carr who married Jonathan Johnson whose son William Roberts Johnson married Maryette Gilbert, granddaughter of William. There were others of those early founders of that section whose descendants intermarried but these at least were collaterally related.

Butler had visions of a town being built on this attractive site but mills were built at Laurens and the railroad came to Oneonta, so the rugged hills remained in farm lands.

Six of the sons of Butler and Abigail followed the inclination of their forefathers and moved to other localities. After the Louisiana Purchase and "great development came into the state", three sons went "South" and three went to Northern New York or Canada. Only the oldest and youngest remained - William and Morris. Both of these sons however, attained a degree of prosperity. Even the daughter, Asenath, married and lived in Michigan.

Children of Butler and Abigail (Woodhouse) Gilbert

1. William, born Jan. 4, 1779 at Middletown, Conn. died Feb. 16, 1852 at Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y. Since this oldest son William was the ancestor from whom those most interested in this article have descended a separate chapter has been given to his family following his Bible Record. See The Gilberts in the Butternut Valley.
2. Walker, born Aug. 4, 1781, went near Baton Rouge, La., where he owned a plantation.
3. Butler, born July 12, 1783, also went south and lived at St. James Parish, La., married Ellen Louise Morrisson. Their daughter Jennie Louise Gilbert, born 1852, died 1917 married Edwin F. Belnap, born 1848, was living in 1930 in New Orleans, La. Their daughter Hulda married Charles O. Elmer and was living there in 1930.
4. Asenath, born July 3, 1785, died Sept. 6, 1822, aged 37 years, married in 1819 Elnathan Noble who was born July 15, 1779 at New Milford, Conn., died April 2, 1841 at Unadilla, Mich. She was his second wife and probably died at Geneva, N.Y.
5. Sylvester, born Sept. 24, 1787, died Oct. 25, 1865 at Ogdensburg, N. Y. He was the head of the St. Lawrence Bank. Married 1st, Lois Ranney, 2nd, Nancy Ann Seymour, born Nov. 24, 1805, died 1889, daughter of Daved and Mary (Nichols) Seymour.
6. Lloyd, born March 30, 1790, a physician at Baton Rouge, La., died there May 1, 1825, aged 35 years. (The Cooperstown Journal, May 1825, printed this death notice which also states that Dr. Lloyd Gilbert was formerly of this village. He married Eunice Hamilton).

7. John Jay, born May 29, 1792, went to northern New York or to Canada.
8. Levi, born June 1, 1794, went to northern New York or to Canada.
9. Morris, born Oct. 12, 1796, the youngest child of Butler and Abigail Gilbert, remained with his parents at the homestead built by them at the lake. Since his family were closely connected with the later history of this region, as full an account as possible of his descendents has been compiled.

Morris Gilbert 6 (Butler 5, Nath'l. 4, Nath'l.3, Jona.2, Jona.1) born Oct. 12, 1796 at Gilbert's Lake, married Olive Eldred, who died Dec. 2, 1886, aged 84 years. She was the daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Cole) Eldred. Morris died April 18, 1860, aged 63 years. Gravestone record. Both were buried in the Old Mt. Vision Cemetery.

Children of Morris and Olive (Eldred)Gilbert

1. Levi, died Mar. 3, 1877, aged 56-60, married Hannah Maria Butts born Aug. 11, 1834, at Laurens, died Oct. 24, 1915 at Laurens and was buried in the Laurens Cemetery. She was the daughter of Harvey (called Squire) Butts and Anna (Harrison) Butts. She was called Maria.

Children of Levi and Hannah Maria (Butts) Gilbert

a. Lloyd L. Gilbert, born 1855, died Sept. 1, 1906. A Morris Chronicle, Feb. 26, 1879 item states that "Lloyd Gilbert of Laurens married to Maggie (Margaret) O. Jacobs of Oneonta, in the Methodist Parsonage at Morris, N. Y. by the Rev. Mr. J. S. Southworth." He was buried with his parents at Laurens.

Child of Lloyd L. and Margaret O. Jacobs

Robert Lee, born at Laurens 1883, married Oct. 8 1903 at Laurens, Josephine Donaldson, born 1883, at Hartwick, N. Y. died 1920 and was buried at Hartwick. Josephine was the daughter of John and Lanny (Conklin) Donaldson. Lee Gilbert and his wife were divorced and he married again. Robert Lee had one son.

b. Josephine, died Feb. 7, 1862, aged 4-1-29 at Laurens, N. Y.

c. Morris, 2nd son of Levi and Maria, born about 1860, married Kate Conoly. They were the parents of two children, later divorced. At one time he resided at Fort Plain, N. Y.

d. Della or Dilla V., 2nd daughter of Levi and Maria, born Mar. 11, 1865, married Nov. 7, 1883 (Laurens records) Alvin D. (Dick) Easton, born Jan. 22, 1862 at Hartwick, N. Y., died 1917, son of James L. Easton and Helen Gardner. Della (Gilbert) Easton died May 31, 1914, the result of a gas explosion in the garage adjoining the Hathaway House, buried at Laurens. They were innkeepers at Oneonta. One daughter of Della and Alvin Easton, Hazel, born 1887, married Lynn Peck at Oneonta, no children.

e. Frank, born Aug. 10, 1866, at Laurens, died June 9, 1942, married Sept. 18, 1889 (Laurens) Georgiana Nellis, born Nov. 20, 1869, at Jacksonville (Mt. Vision, N. Y.) died Nov. 22, 1938, daughter of Ambrose and ---- (Lasher) Nellis. He may have been married twice but Georgina is the name of his wife on the gravestone where they were buried at West Oneonta.

Children of Frank 8 (Levi 7, Morris 6, Butler 5) & Georgiana (Nellis)

1. Nellie Amelis, born Nov. 19, 1895 (Laurens record) unmarried, residence Binghamton, N. Y.

2. Lewis Albert, born 1910, married Nov. 29, 1924 at West Oneonta, Mary Edna Brownson, born Sept. 2, 1890 of West Oneonta, died Dec. 18, 1952 at Binghamton, N. Y. They resided at West Oneonta and were buried there. She was the daughter of Luman E. and Angeline (Scofield) Brownson. Their two children were (1) Helen Lucile, born Oct. 7, 1926, at Oneonta, married Aug. 12, 1955 at Wellsville, N. Y. Robert L. Dawley, son of Bert and ---Dawley, of Cassadaga, N. Y. (2) Harriet Louise born 1927, married Oct. 15, 1953 Harmon W. Wilde, son of Mrs. Annie Wilde, Kew Garden Hills, L.I. Lewis m. 2nd Oct. 29, 1953, T--- Brown. From Harrison Genealogy.

2. Lloyd 7 (Morris 6, Butler 5, Nath'l. 4, etc.) died Dec. 11, 1845 ? age 23 years. Name not in 1850 census. He was buried in the old Mt. Vision Cemetery, gravestone hard to read.

3. Delos W. 7 (Morris 6, Butler 5, Nath'l.4, etc.) the third son of Morris and Olive, born July 3, 1826, died May 8, 1887, married Dec. 25, 1849 at Jacksonville (Mt. Vision, N. Y.) by the Rev. L. C. Pattengill to Adaline Stanton of Laurens died Jan. 2, 1856, age 27-11-11. Both were buried in the Old Mt. Vision Cemetery. Note.--If Lillias was the mother of Charles, Adeline must have died before 1856. Delos married 2nd Lillias Barton, born about 1838, died April 16 1865. She was the daughter of Amos and Betsy (Eldred) Barton. She was buried beside her husband, no age on her gravestone.

Child of Delos and Lillias (Barton) Gilbert

1. Charles M. born 1853-4, died May 11 1885, aged 31-6-0, buried in the old Mt. Vision Cemetery. He married Eliza Ward, born June 3, 1854, died July 31, 1930, buried in the Laurens Cemetery. She was the daughter of Amasa and Julia (Welsh) Ward.

Children of Charles and Eliza (Ward)

1. Lynn L., born Mar. 17, 1874, at Oneonta, died May 22, 1944, at Laurens, married 1st Josephine Maginley, born Feb. 18, 1873, at Central Bridge, N. Y. died and buried at Oneonta, May 9, 1949. She was the daughter of Thomas J. and Anna (Barre) Maginley. A daughter of Lynn and Josephine, Marguerite married James O'Kelly, residence Oneonta. Child of Marguerite (Gilbert) and James O'Kelly was John O'Kelly who had three children - Judith Carol, born Feb. 13, 1955 at Newport, L. I., a daughter born Aug. 2, 1953 at Oneonta and Jonathan born July 1956 at Oneonta. Lynn L. married 2nd Aug. 1911 at Pittsfield, Mass., Jennie McCulley born Dec. 24, 1874 in the town of Davenport, Delaware Co., N. Y., died Feb. 25, 1949 at Oneonta, buried at Luarens. Lynn may have been buried there also. Jennie was the daughter of Harmon and Elizabeth (Wolfe) McCulley. No child.
2. Clemence V. born 1876, died June 16, 1944, at Belman, N. Y. while visiting there. Residence Laurens and Oneonta, buried at Laurens, unmarried, called "Clemma".

Delos, 3rd son of Morris and Olive (Eldred) Gilbert (above) married 3rd Betsey Barton born about 1837. She was also the daughter of Amos and Betsey (Eldred) Barton.

Children of Delos and Betsey (Barton) Gilbert

1. Milton D. died July 9, 1869 aged 1-9-2. Bured at Old Mt Vision Cemetery.
2. Georgie, youngest son of Delos and Betsey (Barton) died May 18, 1866 aged 2-11-18, at Albany - from a Cooperstown paper.
3. Addie M. died April 13, 1878, aged 1-3-8, buried in the Old Mt. Vision Cemetery.
4. Fred, died before 1944, married at Milford a girl from that place. She and children were of Clinton, N. Y. 1944.

Children of Fred and Wife

1. Daughter
2. Son, who may have been Marlow Gilbert of Clinton N. Y.

4. Eliza Jane, the 4th child and only daughter of Morris and Olive (Eldred) Gilbert, born Oct. 11, 1830, died Aug. 7, 1921, married Morris Butts, born Oct. 7, 1829 at Laurens died May 26, 1918 - Laurens record, buried at Laurens. He was a brother of Maria Butts, the wife of Levi Gilbert.

Children of Morris and Eliza Jane (Gilbert) Butts

1. Emma, born 1856, died April 18, 1878, married 1876(?) William B. Soden who died Mar. 31, 1897, aged 40-0-12. He was buried in the Quaker Cemetery at Morris, N. Y. the son of John Soden and 2nd wife Mary A. Furman.

Children of William B. and Emma (Butts) Soden

1. Emma F., born Mar. 31, 1878 at West Laurens, died Aug. 28, 1955 at Sidney, N. Y. and was buried there. Married 1895, her 3rd cousin, Lewis G. Soden, died 1932.

Child of Emma F. and Lewis G. Soden

Helena Soden, born 1897, married - - Wickham. married 2nd Everett Lee, not living. Residence, Sidney. From obituary of Emma Soden One child of Helena (Soden) Wickham, Robert Wickham married Marjorie Smith. They were parents of Gary Howard Wickham, born April 26, 1947.

2. Fred Soden, son of Emma (Butts) & William B. of Rochester, N. Y.
3. John, son of Emma and William B. also of Rochester
4. Maude, married Willard Wells of Oneonta. Residence, West Oneonta.

2. Son, of Morris and Eliza Jane (Gilbert) Butts, buried at Laurens, born and died Aug. 14, 1862.
3. Daughter, born Aug. 14, 1862, died Oct. 5, 1962 and buried at Laurens.
4. Jennie May, born Jan. 2nd 1864, at Laurens, died Mar. 21, 1951, at Mt. Vision, married Dec. 19, 1883 at Edmeston, N. Y. Henry T. Marlette, born July 16, 1862, town of Laurens, died Sept. 16, 1945(?) Residence Mt. Vision, was buried there. He was the son of Simon and Juliette (Gile) Marlette.

Children of Jennie May (Butts) and Henry Marlette

1. Gilbert, born Oct. 31, 1881, town of Laurens, died June 30, 1957, at residence in Mt. Vision and was buried there, married Dec. 19, 1918, in the town of Hartwick, Elizabeth M. Field, born Apr. 20, 1884, daughter of Hezikiah and Abigail M. (Carr) Field.

   Children of Gilbert & Elizabeth M. (Field) Marlette

   A. Kendall Garfield, born Jan. 4, 1920, married Apr. 17, 1941, at Mt. Vision, Bernice M. Tilley, born Jan. 24, 1922, the daughter of Lynn J. and Veda (Fuller) Tilley

      Children of Kendall and Bernice M. (Tilley) Marlette

      a. Jennie May, born Mar. 20, 1943 at Oneonta
      b. Marilyn, born Apr. 24, 1945, at Oneonta
      c. Gerald Kendall, born June 10, 1947 at Oneonta
      d. Donna, born Nov. 1, 1949 at Oneonta.
      e. Gloria, born Dec. 7, 1952 at Oneonta

   B. Howard Simon, born Oct. 28, 1922, married Oct. 7, 1945 at Hartwick, Diana T. Harrington, born Mar. 31, 1924, daughter of John K. Harrington and Agatha N. (Telfer) Perkins. Agatha was the daughter of John Telfer and the widow of Grover C. Perkins.

      Children of Howard Simon and Diana T. (Harrington) Marlette

      a. Cheryl, born Aug. 1946 at Oneonta
      b. Mary, born Jan. 20, 1948 at Oneonta
      c. Jeanne, born July 21, 1951 at Oneonta

2. Herbert Theodore, 2nd son of Henry and Jennie May (Butts) born June 2, 1902, town of Laurens, married June 20, 1928, at Laurens, Mildred M. Mather, born Feb. 28, 1908, daughter of Adrian and Mabel (Flemming) Mather.

   Children of Herbert and Mildred (Mather) Marlette

   A. Lewis Herbert, born May 16, 1932, married May 10, 1952, at Mt. Vision, Caroline A. De Beauchamp, born Apr. 1, 1935, daughter of George W. and Alice Katrinka (Van Tassel) De Beauchamp.

Children of Lewis and Caroline (De Beauchamp, Marlette

a. Catherine Louise, born Jan 25, 1954 at Oneonta
b. Ronda, born April 19, 1956 at Oneonta.

B. Barbara Ruth, daughter of Herbert and Mildred, born April 24, 1935, married at Mt. Vision, Mar. 27, 1954, Morton McLaud. He was the son of Elmer and Lydia (Shepard) McLaud of Laurens. Divorced.

Child of Barbara and Morton McLaud

Mark Stephen, born Sept. 20, 1955

C. Robert H., son of Herbert and Mildred, born Oct. 26, 1939, married Jan. 26, 1958, Sarah Marie Pierce, daughter of Mrs. Lysle Rose and the late Harold Pierce. Robert and Sarah were married at Mt. Vision.

Child - daughter born July 31, 1958, Oneonta

5. Anna Butts, daughter of Morris and Eliza Jane (Gilbert) Butts, died May 29, 1892, age (21-1-0) Laurens record.

5. William S. Gilbert, son of Morris and Olive (Eldred) Gilbert died Nov. 28, 1938 in 5th year.
6. Nathan Gilbert, son of Morris and Olive (Eldred) Gilbert, aged 17 in the 1860 census of Laurens. He probably died Nov. 26 1877 in Cornell Bluff and is the one referred to in the diary of Sarah E. (Stanton) Barton, wife of Almon Barton who was brother to Lillias P. and Betsey Barton, wives of Delos W. Gilbert. Sarah speaks of him as Natie Gilbert, married in Omaha Neb. and had one son.

In the Old Mt. Vision Cemetery are 2 markers not readable as follows: son of Morris and Olive Gilbert
---Gilbert, rest illegible.

This cemetery is in very bad condition. It has been called the Old Baptist Burying Ground with a one time church around 1850-55.

1850 Census of Laurens

Morris Gilbert	52	Eliza J. Gilbert	20
Olive "	47	Nathan "	6
Levi "	28		
Delos W. "	22		
Adeline "	20, wife of Delos		

THE GILBERT FAMILY IN THE BUTTERNUT VALLEY

Taken from a Bible published at
Hartford, Connecticut
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Hudson and Goodwin
. . . . . .
1812

The record of William Gilbert and his family

I was born Jany 4, 1779
and married Patty Green Decb the 2...1806
Patty Green was born Aug 8, 1784
My Eldest Son Edwin Walker was born Sept. 19, 1809-
My Second Butler was born May 8..1811
My Eldest dorter Eunis an was born April 17 1813
My Second dorter Maryet was born May 3 1815
My Third daughter Abigail was born June the six 1817
My forth and fifth Daughters loise G. Lois R. was born
February the third 182-
My sixth daughter Asenath was born June 1822
My seventh daughter Harriet born Oct. 1828

The above is in the original spelling. Patty Green is a nickname for Martha. The Green should be spelled with an "e" (Greene) Eunice Ann, Maryette, the twins Louisa and Lois. These corrections from the family Bible.

It was the sending of this Bible to the New York Historical Library at Cooperstown that prompted the writing of an article to be filed at that library. Now an additional attempt has been made through correspondence, interviews and research to extend the family lines and wherever possible to include the younger generations.

William Gilbert 6 (Butler 5, Nath'l.4, Nath'l. 3, Jona. 2, Jona. 1) was the son of Butler and Abigail (Woodhouse) Gilbert originally of Middletown, Conn. He was 11 years old when his parents settled at the lake in 1791, this was his home until he was 41 years old. Presumably this oldest son lived in the original homestead until after his marriage to Martha Greene and the birth of his children - all or most of them. William was 17 years older than his youngest brother, Morris, who remained with his parents so it was not until 1820 that he moved into the more fertile Butternut Valley, a distance of about 6 miles. This moving day may have differed somewhat from the earlier migration from Connecticut. No doubt oxen and horses were used for transportation in both cases. Equipment may have been more modern. There is no record of necessary mills. Certainly looms were used for there are still in the family pieces of homespun linen and wool, marked with the family initials. Daughter Lois who married David Hurlbutt has told that each daughter, seven of them, had her own saddle horse and that her father brought 18 horses. So, with cattle, farming equipment, household possessions and

belongings of the family, this must have been a moving day of no small proportions. This same Lois Hurlbutt told of her father's yearly trip to Fort Plain, the nearest trading post of importance and the excitement over the barrels, kegs, etc., of supplies and the bolts of calico and other materials. A tailoress came to make the necessary clothing for the family.

Some records give William leaving the lake home in 1820 at which time 5 of his children would have been born. Other records say in 1829 after all of his children had been born, and he would have been 50 years old. In either case, he came intothe town of Morris in its early history. The town was organized from Butternuts on the 6th day of April, 1849. Some settlements had been made about 1770. He purchased 200 acres of land from the Lull family, one of the first settlers to come into the Tianderah Valley, as the Indians called it.

William and his wife Martha (Patty) built their home of a good colonial design and of generous proportions. It is still standing and until recent years when it was sold by grandson William, was kept in good repair.

William Gilbert was born Jan. 4, 1779, at Middletown, Conn. He died Feb. 16, 1852, at Morris, N. Y., married Dec. 2, 1806, Martha Greene, nicknamed "Patty". She was born Aug. 8, 1784, possibly Laurens, died Mar. 1, 1864, at Morris, N. Y., the daughter of David Greene, born April 16, 1760, at East Greenwich, R. I., died Oct. 1792, in New York. He was a sea captain and the New York has always been taken to indicate the city but both parents may have come into the state to Laurens as his wife, Eunice Hopkins died there.

David Greene married Oct. 30, 1783 Eunice Ann Hopkins, born May 9, 1761, died Nov. 20, 1836 at Laurens, N. Y. She married 2nd-----Brightman. Eunice Ann was the daughter of Jonathan Hopkins, born Jan. 9, 1732 who was the son of John, married Mary- He was the son of Joseph of North Kingston, R. I., son of William Hopkins of Roxbury, Mass., born 1560-65.

Jonathan Hopkins married April 27, 1760, at East Greenwich, R.I. Mary Whitford, born Sept. 7, 1736 at North Kingston, the daughter of Robert Whitford (1700-88) . He was the son of Nicholas born Feb. 22, 1723-4, died 1748, the son of Pasco Whitford of R. I. Robert Whitford, father of Mary (Whitford) Hopkins, married May 10 1730, Margaret Fones, born Mar. 9, 1702-3, daughter of Jeremiah Fones, born 1665, died 1747, married May 30, 1694 Elizabeth--, died Mar. 2, 1708-9. His father was Capt. and Honorable John Fones of London and Kingston, R. I., 1679, died Dec. 20, 1703, married Margaret who died after 1709. John was the son of Thomas Fones of London died April 15, 1629, married Feb. 25, 1604-4 Anna Winthrop (sister of Gov. John Winthrop) born Jan. 16, 1585, died May 16, 1618. These records are from Ancestral Records and Portraits, published by the Colonial Dames of America. This Thomas Fones was the son of John Fones III, then John II, John I, William, George, William Fones of Saxby who lived in 1400.

Records of the Winthrops give this interesting family back into English history from Anna, daughter of Adam Winthrop III, born Aug. 10, 1548, who married Thomas Fones. This Adam Winthrop III married Anna Brown, daughter of Henry Brown. Adam Winthrop II married Agnes Sharp, daughter of Robert Sharp of Islington. Adam Winthrop I, married Joan Burton or Burwell, giving records of this family well back into the 1500's.

David Greene was the son of Rufus Greene, born June 2, 1712, died Dec. 1784 at East Greenwich, R. I., married Feb. 13, 1735 Martha Russell, born June 24, 1716, died Sept. 30, 1770. She was the daughter of Joseph Russell, born Nov. 22, 1679 at Dartmouth Mass., died April 13, 1748, married Mary Tucker of Dartmouth, born July 1, 1682, died Dec. 5, 1769. She was the daughter of Abraham Tucker Sr. of Dartmouth, Mass, born Dec. 13, 1653, died April 26, 1725, married Oct 30, 1679, Mary Slocom, born July 3, 1660, died Sept. 25, 1689. She was the daughter of Giles Slocom born in Somerset, England, died 1683 at Portsmouth, R. I., married Joan - who died June 30, 1679 at Portsmouth, R. I. Giles Slocom was the son of Anthony, born in England Jan. 1590-1, came to America 1637 and settled at Tauton. He married in England -- Harvey. Abraham Tucker was the son of Henry Tucker, died April 21, 1694, married Martha - -. Joseph Russell was the son of Joseph Russell of Dartmouth, born May 6, 1650, died Dec. 11, 1739, married Elizabeth Rickettson, born Mar. 6, 1657, died Sept. 25, 1737 at Dartmouth. Joseph Sr. was the son of John Russell of Dartmouth, born 1608, died Feb. 13, 1695, married abt 1639 Dorothy - , died Dec. 18, 1887 at Dartmouth.

Rufus Greene was the son of Jabez Greene born May 17, 1673, died Oct. 1, 1741 at Warwick, R. I. married Mar. 17, 1698 Mary Barton born May 1, 1678 died Mar. 6, 1713. She was the daughter of Benjamin Barton, born 1645, died 1720, married Susanna Gorton, died May 28, 1734, daughter of Samuel Gorton, born Feb. 12, 1592, died Dec. 10, 1677, married abt 1628-9 Mary Maplet, daughter of John and Mary Maplet. Samuel Gorton came from Gorton, England, to Boston in 1637. He finally resided in Warwick, R. I. Like John Greene, he had the courage to support his strong religious beliefs. He founded a sect in Rhode Island and had a number of writings published. Samuel Gorton was a prominent man in the colony - he was assistant in 1649, Commissioner several times and President of Providence and Warwick 1651-2.

Benjamin Barton was the son of Rufus Barton who came from England and settled where New York now stands, married Margaret - .

Jabez Greene was the son of James Greene, born June 21, 1626 at Salisbury, England, died April 27, 1698, married Aug. 4, 1665 Elizabeth Anthony who died 1698, the daughter of John Anthony born 1607 from Hemst'd, England abt 1634, lived at Portsmouth, R. I., died July 28, 1675, married Susanna Potter who died before 1675. James Greene was the son of John Greene (surgeon) born 1597, died 1643, married Nov. 4, 1619 at St. Thomas Church, Salisbury, England Joan Tattershall, born 1590, died 1643 at Newport, R. I. He was buried beside his 1st wife, Joan, at Conanicut.

The Greenes of Rhode Island descend from the English Greenes whose estate was at Bowridge Hill in the Parish of Gillingham, Dorset County, England. Family histories and authentic records give this influential line back through many generations in England. The strong convictions, both religious and political, of Surgeon John Greene and his associates, Samuel Gorton, Roger Williams, Robert Potter and others were not always accepted in the colony. However, they were possessed with "that sturdy spirit of freedon which burned in the breasts of many of our ancestors". John Greene eventually fixed his residence at Warwick where he filled the offices of Magistrate and Clerk of the Court. Surgeon John Greene was the son of Richard Greene of Bowridge Hill, who married Mary Hooker, daughter of John Hooker, son of Robert Hooker, who was the mayor of Exeter, England in 1520. Richard Greene was the son of Richard, son of Robert of Gillingham, England. Through these lines descendants are eligible to become members of the Society of Magna Carter Dames, etc.

In a deed dated Feb. 14, 1837 (Recorded in Book No. 55 of Conveyances, Otsego C., page 340, July 18, 1839) William Gilbert of Butternuts, bought of George Carr and wife Mary of the Town of Laurens, 78 acres of land for the sum of $800, "as deeded to Eunice Brightman and Isaac Brightman" during their lifetime" afterwards to Martha Greene, Mary Greene and Phebe Greene, daughters of Eunice by her first husband." Mary Carr, wife of George Carr was the daughter of Eunice (Hopkins) Greene, deceased, and Martha Greene being the wife of William Gilbert, it is evident that he wished to provide for her mother's family although she (Eunice) had married the second time.

In English tradition, the members of this family have been throughout the centuries, members of the English church, being the Episcopal Church in America. Soon after they were established, on Jan 7, 1798, Abigail, the mother and children were baptized by the Rev. Daniel Nash. (See this record included later).

The first generations (Butler and with Abigail and William with Martha Greene) to come into the state are buried in the Old Harmony Churchyard located on the east side of the Butternut Creek about one mile above the village of Morris and nearly across the valley from where William and Martha lived when they moved into the Butternut Valley. Old Harmony was the first Episcopal Church to be built in the locality and evidently they chose this place for burial instead of on the family lot on the home place used by so many first inhabitants. After this church was burned, the present "Zion Church" was built, 1818, in the village of Morris and later generations of this branch of the family were buried in Hillington Cemetery at that place. John Gilbert of Elm Grove left a sum for perpetual care of both these family plots. However, with present day prices the interest from this sum is not sufficient, but the plots are kept in good condition by the Cemetery commission.

Children of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert

1. Edwin Walker Gilbert was born Sept. 19, 1809, at Gilbert's Lake, died Sept. 19, 1867 (on his Birthday) at his home at New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y. He being the oldest son, land was bought for him from Ira Thurston and Philetus Smith, and his homestead was established in the Butternut Valley, abt three miles above the home of his father. (See references to this deed in authorities). Edwin was blind for many years of his life. The treatment for cataracts was not well understood in those days and although he went to New York for an operation, his sight was not restored. However, he carried on a successful business as a dealer in cattle. He married Lucinda Folts Nov. 6, 1839, at Shells Bush (just outside the village of Herkimer). They were married by the Rev. John Peter Spinner, minister of the Herkimer Reformed Church from 1801 to 1848. Lucinda Folts was born June 10, 1817 at Shells Bush, died Mar. 15, 1901. at New Lisbon. She was the daughter of John Folts, born July 22, 1780 at Herkimer, N. Y. died Oct. 28, 1867, at Herkimer. He married Mar. 28, 1803, Catherine Casler, born Apr. 19, 1782, at Herkimer, died Aug. 7, 1856 at Herkimer. The graves of John and Catherine Casler are at the front of the churchyard at Old Fort Herkimer. This fort is now used as a church but was an important post in the Revolution. Catherine Casler was the daughter of Jacob Casler, born 1737, died 1830. He married Oct. 16, 1766, Maria Catherine Petrie, born 1745, died 1835. She was the daughter of Capt. Marcus Petrie, born before 1710, died 1776, married Anna Eva Kessler (Casler) daughter of Johan Jost Petrie Jr. born 1686 in Alsace. He died Aug. 30, 1770, aged 84, married 1706 Cordelia Demuth (Temouth, Dimouth, etc. and even Damewood) the daughter of Jacob Demuth. The father and patentee John Jost Petrie died 1757, married Anna Gertrugd Von Ringh. An effort has been made to use only recorded data, not tradition and the following is at least printed tradition, that the family of Anna Gertrugd Von Ringh objected to her joining the Palatine migration. The Von would indicate a titled family; certainly she and her descendants had strength of character to play an important part in the colony. The choice lots assigned to these ancestors at German Flats were considered most suitable for the site of the village of Herkimer and were later given for that purpose. Much of the flats were from time to time flooded and so without a transaction a town lot was added by the Petries to the original lots of the patentees.

John Folts, father of Lucinda, was son of Peter Folts, born Sept. 15, 1750, died 1827, married Nov. 6, 1776, Barbara Rasbach, born July 28, 1758, died Mar. 25, 1841. His father was Peter Folts about whom unfortunately little more is known except that he was killed at the battle of Oriskany. He was the son of Melchert Folts who died 1807 aged 97. This Patentee had been blind since he was 80 years old. His wife was Catherine Petrie, daughter of Han Jost Petrie.

Barbara Rasbach was the daughter of Marx Rasbach, born June 17, 1733 in Herkimer, died Aug. 1799 in Herkimer, married 1763 Sophronia Moak, born 1732, died May 13, 1814, daughter of John Moak from Switzerland in 1738 when Sophronia was six years old. Marx was the son of the Patentee Johannes Rasbach, who married Veronica Beerman.

Jacob Casler was the son of John Jacob Casler, or Kessler, who was killed at Oriskany, the son of the Patentee Johannes and Ann Margareth (?).

Items printed in the St. Johnsville Enterprize and News and the records of Rev. Spinner, in Latin, have made valuable additions to the data of this family, much of which was destroyed during the wars in that section. The items have been helpful in the repetition and spelling of family names with the various forms and spelling. Hans for John, Jost for Joseph, Hans Jost was common, Volts and Votz, Demuth, Termuth, etc. Old men were left at home to guard the women and children while the grandfathers, great grandfathers, uncles and cousins of Lucinda Folts took an active part in the Revolution and the names of many are to be found on the monument at Oriskany. This important battle which "has ranked as the decisive conflict of the Revolution" put Herkimer County as one of the first to be formed after the war and among the land holders (even to the present time) were these ancestors of Lucinda(Folts) Gilbert who, about 1710 made several migrations from the Lower Palatinate of the Rhine to escape religious persecutions and the devastating wars of Central Europe.

Children of Edwin Walker and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert

All of the children were born at the home at New Lisbon in the Butternut Valley.

1. William Henry, oldest son of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert, was born Sept. 19, 1844, died Jan. 19, 1877, at New Lisbon, married Dec. 10, 1873 Lina A. Gillett, at her home about two miles up the valley towards Garrettsville. About the time of his marriage, the family moved to the house at the upper end of the farm, in Stetsonville, and the original house, called the "red house", became the home of William and Lina. William was a great lover of horses and a kick from one of them caused his death. They had no children.

2. John Folts Gilbert, second son of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert, was born Aug. 11, 1848, died Dec. 8, 1925 at his home at Elm Grove, Morris, N. Y. He never married. To quote briefly from his obituary, "He was honest, upright, faithful and above all charitable to all." He was beloved by all children and animals. In 1920 he and his sister Maryette moved to Elm Grove into another Gilbert house purchased from their cousin, Eva (Gilbert) Carrick. He was buried in the "Old Gilbert Lot" in Hillington Cemetery at Morris.

3. Maryette Gilbert, oldest daughter of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert, was born April 25, 1850, died June 2, 1940, aged 90 years, at her home at Elm Grove. She married Aug. 18, 1880 William Roberts Johnson, at the New Lisbon home, in the Butternut Valley. He was born May 20, 1848 at the "Town Line Road" home in New Lisbon, property bought by his father from the Gilbert's. He died there of typhoid fever when his daughter Edna was 3 years old and daughter Claudine was 1 year old. Maryette, with her two children, thereafter lived at her former home in the Butternut Valley. Both William and Maryette were buried in the Johnson family lot in Hillington Cemetery at Morris, N. Y.

William Roberts Johnson was the son of Jonathan Johnson, born Jan. 29, 1811 at Laurens, N. Y. , died Mar. 24, 1872, at the New Lisbon home. He had been previously married and was buried beside his first wife and his parents in the family plot on the farm at the place where Jonathan Sr. cut the first tree. Sarah, a daughter by this first marriage, married Dr. William Strong of Laurens. Jonathan Jr. married April 27, 1845, Mary Carr, born Feb. 15, 1826 at Laurens, died Feb. 24, 1904 at the home of her son-in-law, John A. Hurlbut, at Butts Corners, Laurens township. She was the daughter of Peleg Carr, born Sept. 25, 1782, at Jamestown, R. I., died June 28, 1859, at Laurens, N. Y., married Mary Maxwell, born Jan. 14, 1789, died Jan. 19, 1870 at Laurens, N. Y. Her father was David Day Maxwell, mother Eleanor (Nelly) Van Court. The Van Court, Maxwell and Day families were New Jersey families. Nelly is supposed to have come to Laurens to teach school and married Peleg Carr. His father Peleg was born Oct. 19, 1741 at Jamestown, R. I., died April 20, 1821 at Laurens, married Dec. 7, 1767 Ruth Tew, born Dec. 28, 1749, died Feb. 22, 1813. Both are buried in the Laurens Cemetery. The Tew family of R. I. is recorded back to Henry Tew who died 1633. These families intermarried with the Cary, Stanton, Harndell, Almy, Clark, Arnold, Allen Cook, Westcott, etc. families of Rhode Island. Caleb Carr was the son of Benjamin Carr of London, England, born there Dec. 9, 1624, died Dec. 17, 1695 in Rhode Island. Caleb, this pioneer in America, married Mercy Vaughn for his first wife. She died Sept. 4, 1675. He was one of the Colonial Governors of Rhode Island.

Note.- Much of the data concerning the above lines, including The Carr Family, by Edison Carr is in the possession of this compiler.

Jonathan Johnson (above) born Jan. 29, 1811 was the son of Jonathan Johnson born July 28, 1767 in Rhode Island, died April 16, 1811 at Laurens, married Feb.1806 Sarah Roberts, born Sept. 25, 1765, died April 17, 1846, at Laurens. He was the son of Benjamin Johnson, born June 30, 1745, O.S., died Jan. 13, 1838, married Dec. 25, 1765 Waity Yates born May 18, 1747, O.S. died March 12, 1809.

Note.-O.S. refers to "Old Style" time reckoned before change in the calendar.

Benjamin and Waity were the parents of 14 children, several of whom came to Otsego Co., N. Y. Sarah Roberts was the daughter of Jonathan Roberts of Cranston, R. I., married 1764 Martha Johnson.

Yates, Johnson and Roberts families intermarried in earlier times making no little confusion. Hannah Roberts came with her sister Sarah (Roberts) Johnson to Laurens and after the death of Jonathan Sr. they returned to Rhode Island until Jonathan jr. was old enough to be of help in the new home (Laurens) where the family lived the rest of their lives, and where they were buried.

Children of William Roberts and Maryette (Gilbert) Johnson

1 Edna Victoria, born Oct. 1, 1882 at the Johnson home at Gilbert's Lake, died Jan. 27, 1957 at East Orange, N. J., married Sept. 5, 1910, at New Lisbon, Isaac Lester Bedell, born Feb. 21, 1880 at Tottenville, Staten Island, N. Y., died Dec. 2, 1961, at Daytona Beach, Florida. He was the son of James Wood Bedell, born Oct. 20, 1858, died Aug. 7, 1920 and Melissa Jane Polhemus, born Oct. 20, 1854, died July 4, 1910. Lester and Edna Bedell built their first home at Tottenville, S. I., N. Y. Since 1918 they resided at East Orange, New Jersey. Both are buried in the Hillington Cemetery at Morris, N. Y.

Children of Lester and Edna (Johnson) Bedell

1. Claudine Melissa, born March 9, 1912, at Tottenville, S. I., New York, married March 1, 1936, at East Orange, New Jersey, Isaac Hill Munro, born Sept. 3, 1912, of Camillus, N. Y. He is the son of Edwin Knapp and Florence (Reid) Munro of Camillus, N. Y.; both are deceased. Isaac and Claudine resided at Camillus until they moved to Port Washington, Long Island, their present home.

Children of Isaac and Claudine (Bedell) Munro

a. Andrew Gilbert Munro, born June 9, 1942.
b. Catherine Mary Munro, born Oct. 16, 1943

2. Catherine Mary Bedell, born June 24, 1916 at Tottenville, S. I., New York, married Aug. 4, 1941, at East Orange, N. J. Orval Walter Larkey, born Jan. 3, 1916, at Shatuck, Oklahoma. He is the son of John N. Larkey and his wife Olive (Walton) Larkey, deceased. Their home is at Altadena, California.

Children of Orval and Catherine (Bedell) Larkey

a. Susan Maryette
b. Nancy Catherine, identical twins, born Feb. 3, 1944.

2. Vinnie (for Aunt Lavinia) Claudine, 2d child of William and Maryette (Gilbert) Johnson, was born March 6, 1883, at the Johnson home at Gilbert's Lake, married Dec. 28, 1909, Frederick R. Wallace, at the New Lisbon home. He was born April 11, 1874, at Morris, N. Y., the son of Henry and Mary (Tuller) Wallace, of Morris. Henry Wallace married 2nd Stella Eldred, still living. Frederick R. Wallace died July 29, 1922 at Morris and is buried in the family lot in Hillington Cemetery.

Their home was at Waverly, N. Y. In 1923 Claudine joined the staff of the Albertson Public Library at Orlando, Florida, her home until retirement in 1953. Her present home is with the family of her daughter at Syracuse, N. Y.

Child of Frederick and Claudine (Johnson) Wallace

Luella Maryette, born Feb. 23, 1917, married Jan. 18, 1941 LeRoy Stephen Weatherly, born May 10, 1914, at Morris, N. Y. He is the son of George and Nellie (Card) Weatherly, of Morris, N. Y. After the war their residence was Sidney. Since 1950, their home has been at Syracuse, N. Y.

Children of LeRoy and Maryette (Wallace) Weatherly

a. Stephen George, born Oct. 5, 1941, at Oneonta, N. Y.
b. Maryette Lucinda (Mary Lou) born Dec. 11, 1945, at Sidney, N. Y.

4. George Butler Gilbert, 3rd son of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert, was born May 27, 1854, at New Lisbon, died June 9, 1930 at his home in Utica, N. Y. He was buried in the family lot at Frankfort. He married July 1, 1876, at New Lisbon, Cora E. Stanton, born 1860. She had lived in the family of Mary and Martin Gardner. She died at Frankfort, N. Y. where she was buried Jan. 10, 1901. He married 2nd Francelia (Lull) Smith, at New Lisbon. Their home was at Utica, N. Y.

Children of George and Cora (Stanton) Gilbert

1. Grace Vanlinda, born Feb. 25, 1877, died July 27, 1906, at Frankfort, N. Y. where she was buried, married 1896, Clyde Whipple, born May 13, 1873, at Frankfort, died Dec. 3, 1950. He was the son of Joseph Stocking and Letty (Van Antwerp) Whipple.

Children of Clyde and Grace (Gilbert) Whipple

1. Martin, died young
2. Harry, born Feb. 6, 1900, at Frankfort, N. Y. married June 28, 1924, Elinor Humphrey, born Dec. 5, 1903, daughter of Ralph Travers and Anna (Donohue) Humphrey. Their home is at Ossining, N. Y.

Children of Harry and Elinor (Humphrey) Whipple

a. Shirley Margaret, born July 10, 1925, married Martin Brech, born July 13, 1926.

Children of Martin and Shirley (Whipple) Brech

1. Margaret Nora, born Dec. 10, 1951
2. Martin Gilbert, born May 4, 1955

b. Gilbert Humphrey Whipple, born May 5, 1930 married Lois A. Cummins, born Oct.16, 1936

Children of Gilbert and Lois (Cummins) Whipple

1. John Gilbert, born Aug. 6, 1957
2. Jeffrey David, born July 27, 1958

3. Edna, daughter of Clyde and Grace (Gilbert) Whipple, born June 14, 1903, married Aug. 1925, Raymond Nelson, born Nov. 7, 1902

Child of Raymond and Edna (Whipple) Nelson

1. Wilma, married Reynold DuChene

Children of Reynold and Wilma (Whipple) DuChene

1. Renee
2. Ronald
3. Michel
4. Gary

2. William Norman, son of George and Cora (Stanton) Gilbert born Dec. 15, 1879 at New Lisbon, died April 15, 1906 at Utica, married Theresa Murphy of Utica, N. Y. He was buried in the family plot at Frankfort. There were no children. Theresa married 2nd Charles Smith
3. Lina Lucinda, born Dec. 8, 1880, at New Lisbon, married 1896 George Krick, born April 1, 1872, at Schuyler, N. Y., died Dec. 25, 1947 at Frankfort, N. Y. Their home was at Frankfort, N. Y.

Children of Charles and Lina (Gilbert) Krick

1. George, born Dec. 10, 1896 at Frankfort, died Jan. 10, 1948, married Edytha Lewis of Missouri. He suffered from gas poisoning since World War I.

Children of George and Edytha(Lewis) Krick

a. Mable Lina, born Oct. 30, 1927 at Schyler, married Charles Geviss

Children of Charles and Mabel (Krick) Geviss

1. Wayne, born May 27, 1950, at Herkimer, N. Y.
2. David, born Oct. 23, 1951, at Herkimer, died 1951

b. Richard James, born June 4, 1943, at Schenectady, N. Y. The present home of Edytha (Lewis) Krick and son Richard is St. Petersburg, Florida.

2. Seymour Norman, born Aug. 30, 1898, died Feb. 28, 1900
3. Mabel Marguerite, daughter of Charles and Lina (Gilbert) Krick, born Jan. 22, 1901, at Syracuse, married Aug. 5. 1919, Roy M. Conley, born July 9, 1896, died Sept. 17, 1955, at Moorers Forks.

Child of Roy and Mabel (Krick) Conley

a. Robert Charles, born Feb. 21, 1929, married July 14, 1946, Esther Geviss

Children of Robert and Esther (Geviss) Conley

1. Robert William, born Feb. 14, 1947
2. Daniel Lloyd, born May 2, 1949
3. Patricia Ann, born July 26, 1950
4. Kathleen Marie, born Dec. 30, 1951
5. David Roy, born Oct. 12, 1953
6. Mark Alan, born Jan. 23, 1955

5. Lavinia Catherine, the youngest daughter of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert, was born Aug. 5, 1856, at New Lisbon, died April 11, 1946, at Noblesville, New Lisbon township, married May 28, 1890 Irving Henry Johnson, born Jan. 19, 1858, died Feb. 12, 1935. Their home throughout their married life was at Noblesville. Both are buried in the Hillington Cemetery at Morris, N. Y. Irving Johnson was the son of Salmon and Eliza (Kellogg) Johnson. Salmon Johnson was killed Oct. 1864 at the Battle of Cedar Creek.

Child of Irving and Lavinia (Gilbert) Johnson

a. Lucinda E., born Nov. 15, 1891 at the Noblesville home. She is unmarried. Her home is at Morris, N. Y. and Ormond Beach, Florida.

6. Albert Sylvester, youngest son of Edwin and Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert was born May 9, 1858, died April 15, 1951 at the home of his daughter in Buffalo, N. Y. He married Feb. 2, 1887 Della Pennina Eldred of Otstawa N. Y. who died June 24, 1944 at Sidney. Their home was at New Lisbon in the original home of his parents, later at Sidney, N. Y. Both are buried in the Hillington Cemetery at Morris, N. Y. Della was the daughter of Solomon L. and Clarissa (Harrington) Eldred of Otstawa N. Y. After being nicknamed James (Jim) he was baptized Albert Sylvester. When he was about 80 years old, his name was officially changed to James S. Gilbert to avoid confusion.

Child of James S. and Della (Eldred) Gilbert

a. Hilda Christine, born May 9, 1890, at New Lisbon, married Aug. 24, 1912, Clarence Evert Smith of Remsen, born April 17, 1887.

He is the son of Sylvester and Emmeline (Olney) Smith, of Remsen, N. Y. Their home is at Buffalo and Remsen, N. Y.

Children of Clarence and Hilda (Gilbert) Smith

1. Gilbert Olney, born Nov. 28, 1919, married Bessie Van Every, born April 1, 1918, home Falconer, N. Y.

Children of Gilbert and Bessie (Van Every) Smith

a. David William, born Oct. 29, 1940 in Falconer
b. Patricia Diane, born May 24, 1943 in Falconer
c. Kathleen Susan, born Dec. 12, 1948 in Falconer

2. Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of Clarence and Hilda (Gilbert) Smith, born April 15, 1922, in Norwich, N. Y., married James Goodwin, May 16, 1945 at Buffalo., home Waynesburg, Pa.

Children of James and Mary (Smith) Goodwin

a. Mary Kay, born Mar. 9, 1946, in Waynesburg.
b. Elizabeth Diane, born Dec. 21, 1952 in Waynesburg

3. Raymond Edward, 2nd son of Clarence and Hilda (Gilbert) Smith, born Mar. 10, 1925, married Dorothy May Tough July 17, 1954, residence Miami, Florida.

Children of Raymond and Dorothy (Tough) Smith

a. James Allen Tough, born Mar. 24, 1958
b. Raymond Edward Clarence, born Mar. 20, 1961

4. James Eldred, 3rd son of Clarence and Hilda (Gilbert) Smith, born Sept. 28, 1930, in Cassadaga, N. Y., married Nov. 28, 1957 Maria A. Berger, residence, Buffalo, N. Y.

Children of James and Maria (Berger) Smith

a. Jennifer Mae, born Dec. 21, 1959 at Buffalo
b. Rebecca Jean, born June 1, 1961

2. Butler Gilbert, the second son of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born May 8, 1811, died Mar. 8, 1885 at Morris N. Y. He married Feb. 20, 1950, Maria Hitchcock, born July 15, 1822, in Otego, died Feb. 3, 1900, at Morris, N. Y. They continued to live on the homestead built by his father. Both are buried in the Hillington Cemetery, at Morris.

Children of Butler and Maria (Hitchcock) Gilbert

1. Sarah, born April 6, 1855, died at the age of 29, Mar. 1885 on the day her father was buried.

2. William Butler, son of Butler and Maria (Hitchcock) Gilbert was born May 9, 1863, married Jan. 13, 1886 Kate Harrington of

New Lisbon, N. Y. She was born June 7, 1865, died May 28, 1923 at Morris. They were the last of the family to live in the original home in the Butternut Valley.

Child of William and Kate (Harrington) Gilbert

a. Roy Butler, the last to have the family name of Butler was born Sept. 19, 1892, married Luva Angel from upper New Lisbon. She died Mar. 23 1959 aged 70 years. They had no children. He died May 28, 1960. Their home was in Noblesville, New Lisbon township.

3. Evah Martha, 2nd daughter of Butler and Maria (Hitchcock) Gilbert, was born April 9, 1861, died at the home of her son at Syracuse, N. Y. Sept. 25, 1948, married June 13, 1887 Amos Carrick, born Mar. 26, 1867, died June 11, 1942 at Morris, N. Y. He was the son of William Carrick, died 1867, aged 38, married in Ireland, Elizabeth Wilson. She died 1895 aged 55 at Morris, N. Y. Amos and Evah Carrick lived at Elm Grove in the home purchased in 1920 by John Gilbert and Maryette Johnson, after which they lived on a farm in the valley above. Both Amos and Evah are buried in the Hillington Cemetery at Morris, N. Y.

Child of Amos and Evah (Gilbert) Carrick

a. Ralph Gilbert, born April 2, 1888, married Hazel Shew of Gloversville, N. Y., residence is at Syracuse, N. Y. She was born Mar. 25, 1895, the daughter of Rupert H. Shew, born Jan. 22, 1865, died May 2, 1936, and Cora B. Allen, born June 19, 1861, died Mar. 26, 1924.

3. Eunice Ann, oldest daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born April 17, 1813, died Jan. 6, 1896 at the home of John Gilbert and his sister, Maryette Johnson. She married Feb. 20, 1850, Palmer Pride, born Mar. 9, 1814, died Aug. 5, 1884, aged 70, 4 mo. 26 days. He was born at Laurens, the son of Thomas and Watta Pride. Both were buried in Hillington Cemetery. She disliked her name and was called Auntie. Her home was in the Butternut Valley at the turn of the road at Myers Mills. The house was 100 ft. long and looked like an inn with arched coach stalls at one end. There were six rooms at the front and smaller ones at the back of the house.
4. Maryette Gilbert, second daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born May 3, 1815, at Gilbert's Lake, died May 1, 1861 at Hartwick, N. Y., married Jonathan Tiffany born Mar. 29, 1811, died Apr. 10, 1850, buried, with his daughters in the family graveyard which is preserved on the Gilbert Lake property. Also in the same plot is the grave of Stukeley Tiffany, died Feb. 23, 1847, aged 43 who was engaged to Eunice Ann Gilbert who later married Palmer Pride.

Children of Jonathan and Maryette (Gilbert) Tiffany

a. Eveline, born Mar. 22, 1839, died Jan. 15, 1843
b. Juliette, born Oct. 11, 1844, died Apr. 8, 1850
c. Martha E., born Oct. 17, 1847, died Apr. 5, 1850

Tradition gives scarlet fever the cause of death of father and two daughters.
Maryette (Gilbert) Tiffany married 2nd Thomas Wright

Children of Thomas and Maryette (Gilbert) Wright

a. Charles
b. Clarence. Their home, Fresno, California

5. Abigail Gilbert, third daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, born Jan. 6, 1817 at Gilbert's Lake, died Dec. 15, 1891 at Morris, N. Y., married Perry Lull, born Apr. 6, 1823 at Morris, N. Y., on Feb. 7, 1849. He died Jan. 15, 1868, the son of Ezra and Roxana (Hatch) Lull. The Lull family was one of the very first settlers and Perry and Abigail lived in one of the family homes in the Butternut Valley near that of William and Martha Gilbert.

Children of Perry and Abigail (Gilbert) Lull

a. Sylvester Maurice, born Dec. 7, 1858 at Morris, N. Y. died Sept. 7, 1924 in the town of Burlington, N. Y., married Sept. 28, 1881 Emma Minerva Swarthout, born Apr. 16, 1852, died Dec. 11, 1935, at Burlington Flats, N. Y. She was the daughter of Aaron and Harriet (Wellman) Swarthout.

Children of Sylvester and Emma (Swarthout) Lull

1. Ethel Audrey, born Dec. 11, 1884, died Oct. 16, 1956 in Granville, Ohio, married June 25, 1902, Leland Hammond, born Jan. 6, 1881, died Jan. 12 1931, at Burlington Flats, N. Y. He was the son of William and Sarah Hammond.

Children of Leland and Ethel (Lull) Hammond

a. Leonard LeRoy, born Dec. 30, 1910
b. Edith Deville, born Feb. 22, 1908, married William Blanchard, born June 18, 1904, son of Fred and Alice (Poling) Blanchard

Children of William and Edith (Hammond) Blanchard

I. Priscilla, born Jan. 6, 1927, married

Feb. 26, 1944, Howard Turnbull, son of George and Vivian Turnbull.

Children of Howard and Priscilla (Blanchard) Turnbull

a. Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 19, 1945
b. Patricia Ellen, born Feb. 18, 1946
c. William George, born Oct. 3, 1947
d. Kathy Lynne, born Apr. 26, 1952

2. LeRoy William, son of William and Edith (Hammond) Blanchard, born Feb. 27, 1929, married Feb. 4, 1951 Yvonne Smith

Children of LeRoy and Yvonne (Smith Blanchard

a. Sharon Marie, born Aug. 17, 1951
b. Debora Ann, born June 30, 1954
c. Jeffrey Allen, born Apr. 8, 1956

Ethel Lull, daughter of Sylvester and Emma (Swarthout) Lull, married 2nd Charles Irons and married 3rd Richard Walker

2. Rose Elizabeth, 2nd daughter of Sylvester and Emma (Swarthout) Lull, born Nov. 5, 1890, at Morris, N. Y., died Dec. 31, 1955, at Oneonta, N. Y., married Dec. 25, 1907 LaSalle Brimmer, son of Albert and Julia (Gardner) Brimmer. He was born Aug. 1, 1886 at New Lisbon, N. Y., died Mar. 19, 1940 at Utica, N. Y.

Children of LaSalle and Rose (Lull) Brimmer

a. Grace Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1913, at New Lisbon, married Jan. 12, 1935 Robert Wilson born July 9, 1915 at Garrattsville, N. Y. son of Lester and Myrtle (Peck) Wilson, home Garrattsville, N. Y.

Children of Robert and Grace (Brimmer) Wilson

1. Glenn Robert, born June 17, 1936 at Garrattsville
2. Roger Allen, born Mar. 4, 1938 at Morris
3. George David, born Sept. 3, 1951 at Oneonta
4. Diana Elizabeth, born Sept. 22, 1953 at Oneonta

b. Geneva Mildred, 2nd daughter of LaSalle and Rose (Lull) Brimmer, born Jan. 19, 1917, married Dec. 25, 1941 at New Lisbon, Walter A. Kraus, born Jan. 18, 1919 at Burlington, N. Y. He is the son of Clark and Nellie (Hall) Kraus. Home of Walter and Geneva is Greene, N. Y.

Children of Walter and Geneva (Brimmer) Kraus

1. Carol Jean, born Feb. 18, 1944 at Oneonta, N. Y.
2. Gordon Walter, born Sept. 19, 1946 at Oneonta, N. Y.
3. Elaine Rose, born Jan. 25, 1955 at Greene, N. Y.

c. Albert Lull Brimmer, son of LaSalle and Rose (Lull) Brimmer, born Jan. 25, 1922, at Garrattsville, N. Y., married Oct. 28, 1943 Bernice A. Decker, born Apr. 26, 1924 at Edmeston, N. Y. She is the daughter of Irving and Edna (Matteson) Decker.

Children of Albert and Bernice (Decker) Brimmer

1. Judy Ann, born Aug. 22, 1946 at Oneonta
2. James Albert, born Mar. 21, 1949 at Oneonta, N. Y.
3. Donna Lee, born Aug. 11, 1951 at Oneonta

Rose (Lull) Brimmer married 2nd, Mar. 11 1944 Merle G. Webster, born Jan. 29, 1900, son of Walter Webster, Home is Garrattsville.

b. William Perry, 2nd son of Perry and Abigail (Gilbert) Lull, born Jan. 25, 1861, died Sept. 22, 1922, married Mar. 30, 1881, Laura Thurston, born Mar. 27, 1865, died Jan. 24, 1949. She was the daughter of Pliny S. and Fanny M. (Cole) Thurston. Pliny Thurston was the son of Joel and Eliza (Gregory) Thurston, the daughter of Elias and Mary Anne (Robinson) Gregory.

Child of William and Laura (Thurston) Lull

a. Don Gregory, born Jan. 21, 1898, died Mar. 28, 1954, married Jan. 20, 1945 Nila Birdsall, born Apr. 25, 1902, daughter of Granville and Anne (Doty) Birdsall. Home Oneonta and St. Petersburg, Florida. Nila married 2nd Burton Hulbert, Sept. 30, 1955.

Child of Don and Nila (Birdsall) Lull

a. Richard Foster, born Dec. 22, 1943

Note - From the Bible of William Gilbert

"My forth and fifth daughters Loise G. and Lois R. was born February the third 182 ."
"My sixth daughter Asenath was born June 1822."

The record in a Bible which had been in the possession of Jane (Hurlbutt) Buckley, given at her death to the Oneonta Historical Museum, stated, "Lois R. Hurlbutt, born Feb. 2, 1822." This would indicate that the twins were born before Asenath. The Hartwick records gives Asenath "born at Laurens." The youngest daughter, Harriet, was born Oct. 1828, before 1829 when one record gives the move into the Butternut Valley.

6. Louisa Gilbert, 4th daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born Feb.3, 182 , died at Otego, N. Y. married Alexis Lull of Morris who died Jan. 16, 1887, aged 63 years, at Otego which was their home.

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Children of Alexis and Louisa (Gilbert) Lull

a. Fred, died 1926, at Lincoln, Delaware, home Otego and Lincoln, Del.
b. Ella Martha, married at Otego, Orin Cook of West Oneonta, N. Y. Their home was at Lincoln, Del.

Child of Orin and Ella (Lull) Cook

1. Martha, died June 12, 1927 at Dover, Del., aged 37 years. She married --------Curtin.

7. Lois Gilbert, 5th daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, and twin of Louisa was born Feb. 3, 182 , died May 24, 1903 at Otego, N. Y., married at Morris, N. Y. David Hurlbutt, born Oct. 28,1817, died Aug. 20, 1879 at Wells Bridge, N. Y. which was their home.

Children of David and Lois (Gilbert) Hurlbutt

a. Martha, born Feb. 24, 1852, died July 18, 1913, married William Brown. Their home was at Unadilla, N. Y., no children.
b. William Gilbert, born Sept. 12, 1858, died July 7, 1945 at Galesburg, Illinois, married Nellie Perrine, born Apr. 1, 1874.

Child of William and Nellie (Perrine) Hurlbutt

1. Lois, born July 7, 1897, married Mark A. Eng. Their home was at Galesburg, Illinois.

c. George Morehouse, born Apr. 11, 1848 at Wells Bridge, N. Y. died Aug. 1, 1922, married Oct. 16, 1877 Sarah Craft Chaffee, born at Hartwick Seminary, N. Y. on Mar. 17, 1853. Their home was at Oneonta, N. Y. and So. Pasadena,

California where they both died and are buried.

Children of George and Sarah (Chaffee) Hurlbutt

1. Jennie (Jane) Frances Hurlbutt, born Sept. 7, 1878 at Gilbertsville, N. Y. died Sept. 16, 1957 at Cathedral Farms, Oneonta, married June 12, 1912 Henry Horacio Buckley, born Oct. 20, 1858 at Unadilla Center, N. Y., died Feb. 15, 1942 at Pasadena Calif. where both are buried. Their homes had been Forest Hills, Long Island, Pasadena, Calif. and Cathedral Farms, Oneonta, N. Y , no children.
2. Edith May Hurlbutt, born Nov. 14, 1880 at Gilbertsville, N. Y., home Oneonta, N. Y. and So. Pasadena, Calif. where she now lives. She is unmarried.
3. Arthur Blaine, born June 7, 1844 at Wells Bridge, N. Y., died May 28, 1910, married Sept. 6, 1905 Bella Holmes Rossman, born Sept. 21, 1884 at Schoharie, N. Y. Bella later married Edward Tretheway, not now living. She now lives with her daughter Dorothy Hawke at Oneonta.

Children of Arthur and Bella (Rossman) Hurlbutt

a. Marcia Sarah, oldest daughter of Arthur and Bella, was born June 29, 1906 at Oneonta, married July 21, 1928 Paul Shepherd, born Oct. 3, 1905 at Kingston, Pa., present home Madison, New Jersey.

Child of Paul and Marcia (Hurlbutt) Shepherd

1. James Miles Shepherd, born Oct. 12, 1929 at Brooklyn, N. Y., married Apr. 18, Nance Latimer, born Oct. 2, 1928 at Washington, D. C. residence New York City.

Children of James and Nance (Latimer) Shepherd

a. James Miles, born Sept. 18, 1956 at New York

b. Jonathan, born Nov. 24, 1959 at New York

b. Dorothy Lois, 2nd daughter of Arthur and Bella, born Apr. 13, 1908 at Oneonta, married William Hawke.

Child of William and Dorothy (Hurlbutt) Hawke

1. Lois Jane Hawke, born Aug. 20, 1930, at Askley, Pa., married Leonard Scott born Jan. 4,----.

Children of Leonard and Lois (Hurlbutt) Scott

a. Nancy Lynn, born June 13, 1955 at Oneonta
b. Dorothy Jane, born Apr. 2, 1956 at Oneonta.
c. David Lawrence, born Mar. 21, 195- at Oneonta

c. Francis Edith, 3rd daughter of Arthur and Bella (Rossman) Hurlbutt, born Dec. 10, 1909, married Jan. 23, 1929, George Fagan, born Aug. 17, 1910.

Child of George and Frances (Hurlbutt) Fagan

1. Elizabeth Frances, born May 28, 1930 at Kingston, N. Y., married June 13, 1951 Kenneth Pinneiro, born Nov. 12, 19--, home Portland Oregon.

Children of Kenneth and Elizabeth (Fagan) Pinneiro

a. Karen Lynne, born June 14, 1952 San Francisco, Calif.
b. Kenneth, born May 14, 19-, at Portland, Oregon
c. Sandra May, born June 2, 1956 at Portland, Oregon.

4. Winnie Chaffee Hurlbutt, youngest child of George and Sarah (Chaffee) Hurlbutt, was born Mar. 17, 1887 at Oneonta Plains, N. Y., died Apr. 2, 1955 at So. Pasadena, Calif. married Aug. 14, 1912 Orion Potter born Aug. 20, 1876 at Franklin, N. Y. He died Jan. 3, 1941 at So. Pasadena, Calif., no children. Both are buried at Pasadena, Calif.

8. Asenath Gilbert, 6th daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born June 17, 1822, died Sept. 10, 1887 at Hartwick, N. Y., buried there with her husband in the Robinson Cemetery. She married Elisha Robinson of Hartwick who died June 10, 1899.

Child of Elisha and Asenath (Gilbert) Robinson

a. Fidelia E. was born June 3, 1857, died Oct. 4, 1939, married 1898, Frank P. Luce, died Mar. 1, 1932. The Luce home was in Hartwick, where they are both buried. There were no children.

9. Harriet Gilbert, 7th daughter of William and Martha (Greene) Gilbert, was born Oct. 1828, died Nov. 26, 1861 at Unadilla or Butternuts, N. Y., aged 33. She married Samuel Fenton who was killed in the Civil War. There were no children and both are buried in Old Harmony Churchyard, at Morris, N. Y.

MILITARY SERVICES, ETC.

Jonathan Gilbert, 1618-1682

Jonathan Gilbert (abt 1618-1682) Hartford,Conn. Marshall of the General Court, 1662-1664. Register of the Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1893-1944, Page. 540.

Note - Other ancestors names in this volume - Allen, Almy, Arnold, Barton, Buck, Butler, Carr, Fones, Foote, Greene, Gorton, Walker, etc.

See additional record for Jonathan Gilbert in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 4, pages 223-349.

Americana (Magazine) 4th quarter, p. 729 gives Jonathan Gilbert as interpreter to the Indians; receiving numerous grants of land for civic and patriotic services; 1st collector of customs at Hartford in 1659; served as Marshall of the Colony for several years; March 1637-68 he was one of a troop of Cavalry under the command of Major John Mason in the Pequot War.

Note - The name of Jonathan Gilbert (with other pioneer ancestors of the family) is on the lists of the Colonial Daughters of the XVII Century; Order of the Founders and Patriots of America; Index of Ancestors and roll of members of The Colonial Wars; Colonial Dames of America; Ancestral Portraits, etc.

Lieutenant Nathaniel Gilbert, 1689-1756

Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert, Newfield, Conn., served in Indian, French and Queen Anne Wars.- Colonial Families, Vol. 5, p. 381-2.

Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert, 1689-1755, Middletown, Conn. under Captain Moses Demming expedition to Canada, 1709.

Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert at Newfield, Conn. 1736. - An Index of Ancestors and roll of members of the Society of Colonial Wars.

Nathaniel Gilbert established Lieutenant of company or train-band at the New Field in the town of Middletown, May 1736, Captain of 9th company or trainband in the 5th Regiment, May 1746. - G. M. Cole, Adjutant General, State of Conn. Military Department, Hartford.

Captain Nathaniel Gilbert, 1723 - 1787

Captain Nathaniel Gilbert, Captain of Militia company in Col. Comfort Sage's Regiment during the New Haven Alarm, July, 1779, the residence of the soldier is not stated but Col. Sage is credited to Middletown. - G. M. Cole, Adjutant General, State of Conn. Military Department, Hartford.

See also D. A. R. National number 173237 (for Claudine Johnson

Wallace) and others in the index of the D. A. R. Lineage Books. The name of this ancestor was also used by Edna Johnson Bedell and Lucinda E. Johnson, also members of the D. A. R.

Butler Gilbert

"The records of this office show that one Butler Gilbert served in the Revolutionary War as a Sergeant in Tallmadge's (1st) Troop, 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Continental Troops, commanded by Col. Elisha Sheldon. He enlisted Dec. 27, 1776, for the war and was discharged Sept. 20, 1780. He was from Middletown, Connecticut, and was described as follows: Occupation, farmer; stature 5 feet 8 inches; complection dark; eyes blue; hair, brown. No record has been found of the service in the Revolutionary War of any other man named Butler Gilbert. - P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Butler Gilbert, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. - application for pension on file in the Bureau of Pensions, Dept. of the Int.

Dates of enlistment or appointment	Length of service	Rank	Officers under whom service was rendered		
			Captain	Colonel	State
May 1755	7 mos.	Pvt	Return Jonathan Meigs	Samuel Wyllys,	Conn.
	13 mos.		Ebenezer Sumner	Samuel Wyllys,	"
	1 yr-2 mos.		Benjamin Talmage	Elisha Sheldon	

Battles engaged in, ... none stated.....
Residence of soldier at enlistment..... Middletown, Conn.....
Date of application for pension, April 28, 1818. This claim allowed.....
Residence at date of application, ..Laurens, Otsego County, N. Y.....
Age at date of application, ...70 years old. Date not stated.....
Remarks:.....No data on file as to his family.....

Washington - Gardner
Commissioner.

Note - These records above, for Sergeant Butler Gilbert were used in joining the D. A. R. by Edna Johnson Bedell, Claudine Johnson Wallace and Lucinda Johnson and may be used by other lineal descendants in the family.

Lt. Peter Folts

Peter Folts was first lieuntenant in the 2nd company of organized militia of German Flats and Kingsland.

Peter Folts, born Sept. 15, 1750, a son of Peter Folts who was killed at Oriskany. These references in History of Herkimer County, pub. by J. W. Beers - pages 51-2; 163

The name of the wife of Peter Folts, the father, is unknown.

The records of the D. A. R. Lineage Books have parts of the services of both soldiers credited to Lt. Peter Folts. More information is needed.

Note - See also State Archives, Vol. 1 (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York Vol. 15, p. 296.
Calender of Historical Manuscripts relating to the War of the Revolution, Vol. 1, page 25. Ref. New York State Library, Albany.

The following record also shows that Conrad and Peter Folts were the sons of Peter Folts who was killed at Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

The University of the State of New York
New York State Library
Albany, N. Y.

Abstract of the Revolutionary record of Peter Foltz (Fols).
Cert. # 20636 for £ 1 ( ) , dated 1 April 1780, issued to Peter Foltz for services as private in Capt. Frederick Frank's company of Col. Peter Bellinger's regiment of Tryon county militia (German Flats and Kingsland districts).
Cert. # 20971, for 17s 9 2/3d, dated 1 April 1780, issued to Peter Fols for services as private in Capt. Jacob Small's company of above regiment.
Cert. # 20705, for 11s 8d, (date burned), issued to Peter Foltz for services as corporal in Lt. George Helmer's detachment of above regiment.

Certificates of Treasurer (manuscript record, vol. 5)

State of New York, Dr. to Conrad and Peter Foltz, sons of Peter Fols, late private in Col. Peter Bellinger's regiment of militia. To 7 yrs half pay which we are intitaled to by the death of our father who was slain in the field (at Oriskanie), 6 August 1777. Total amount £ 128 16s.

Audited accounts, vol. a, p.187
Yours very truly
Peter Nelson
Head of Section
Manuscripts and History Section.

Mark Rasbach (Rosbach)

Mark Rasbach was a lieutenant in the 4th battalion of the German Flats district. He was wounded at Oriskany where he was an officer under General Herkimer.

Mark Rasbach was 2nd lieutenant in the 4th battalion. - History of Herkimer County, J. W. Beers, Pub. pages 51-5, 163.

Commissioned 2nd lieutenant in Capt. Daniel Petry's Company of Col. Peter Bellinger's regiment to Tryon County Militia (German

Flats and Kingsland districts) State Archives, Vol 1
Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York Vol. 15, p.296. Calender of Historical Manuscripts relating to the war of the Revolution, Vol. 1, page 125. Ref. New York State Library, Albany.

Note - The many names of the ancestors of Lucinda (Folts) Gilbert which are to be found on the Battle of Oriskany monument provide a rich field for research along Revolutionary lines.

The last Will & Testament of Mr. Jonathan Gilbert.

In the name of God, Amen. I Jonathan Gilbert of Hartford, in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut, being in perfect health and Good memory at this time & not knowing the time of my dissolution & sensible of mortality and very desirous to leave a settled peace in my family in respect of these Transitory things, I do constitute this my last will and Testament.

Imprimis- I give & bequeath my Immortal soul into the everlasting arms of my blessed Lord & Savious Jesus Christ who hath redeemed me with his precious blood,... Also I bequeath my body to the earth by comely burial, and also me wish is, that all me lawful debts be paid and discharged out of my moveable estate, which being done, I do dispose of that little estate which God out of his bounty hath betrusted me with, as followeth.

Item. To my dear & loving wife Mary Gilbert, as followeth,the use of my dwelling house (at Cold Spring) homelotts, orchards, Gardens, Barn, Barnyards, outhouses, warehouse, that part of my Island above that which is commonly known by the name of Dutch Island all Northward, as also that little land I bought of Mr. Cillsey, as also that land I did exchange with Mr. James Richards, as also that pasture I bought of Andrew Winter, also my Wood-lot on the West side of Rocky Hill, all & every part of the fore-mentioned particulars, during the time of her Widowhood & till my son Samuel shall attain to the age of Twenty one years, and then my wish is that (she) shall peacefully surrender unto Samuel his quiet possession at the aforesaid house & land save only what is here expected viz the seller, great kitchen & all the chambers over it & garret over the said kitchen,& half my warehouse that is to say, the Sound end seller & end room over the seller, and half my home lott, the East end of it & half my Barn & half my barnyard for her use with also full use of water both in the well & pond on the lot without any interruption during her natural life & the immediately after her decease....all the aforesaid housing and land I give to my son Samuel Gilbert & his heirs forever, he payingto his brother Ebenezer Gilbert Thirty pounds in Country pay.

Item: I give to my son Jonathan Gilbert one half of the lands in the bounds of Hadden that I bought of Mr. James Bates & Thomas Shatlor...to twenty pounds inother estates which he the said Jonathan shall chose which is the completing of his portion to what I have done for him already.

Item: I give to my son Thomas Gilbert my house & home lot on the South side of the riverlet in Hartford & my meadow land that I did exchange & had of Mr. James Richards to possess immediately after his mother's decease, but the house and lott to possess at the age of One & Twenty years;also I give to my son Thomas that ten acres of land I bought of Lt Robert Webster, also I give to my son Thomas the lower end of my Island, that is to say, from the upper End of that which is called the Dutch Island which I bought of Captain Richard Lord, with a straight line to the great river West & So East on the meadow lotts, I say all my land downward to him & his heirs for ever, he paying to his mother Twenty shillings pr year & Twenty pounds of good hops per year during her natural life.

Item, I give to my son Nathaniel Gilbert my farm at Meriden with all the house and land tereunto belonging & all priviledges thereunto to him & his heirs forever, & also I give to him Twenty pounds more out of my estate or in cattle to stock the said farm.

Item: I give to my daughter Lidia Richelson Twenty shillings.

Item: I give to my daughter Sarah Belcher Twenty shillings.

Item: I give to my daughter Mary Holton Twenty shillings.

Item: I give to my daughter Hester Gilbert one hundred pounds to be paid her within six months after her marriage, or Eighteen years of age, which shall happen first, in Current County pay or part in housegoods (household)

to be prized by different men.

Item: I give to my daughter Rachel Gilbert one hundred pounds to be paid her within six months after the day of her marriage or at the age of eighteen years, which shall first happen, in Current County pay or part in household good apprized by different men.

Item: I give to me son Ebenezer Gilbert & his heirs forever all that three hundred acres of land belonging & and also that purchase of lands I bought of Captain Daniel Clark lying in Farmington bounds, with all the priviledges thereunto belonging & also that purchase of land I bought of Mossecap commonly called & known by the name of Pagan Chaumuschhug: also I give to Ebenezer Gilbert Thirty pounds to be paid him by his brother Samuel Gilbert & twenty pounds more to be paid him out of my Estate to stock his farm with; which fifty pounds shall be paid him at the age of twenty one years, & my desire is that my wife do remember Hannah Kelly and give her twenty shillings, and more as her discretion shall guide her, if she proves obedient.

Item: I give to my grand child John Rosseter ten pounds to be paid him at the age of Twenty four years in Country pay. Also my will is that if any of my children prove disobedient & and legally convicted so to be, then my wife hath my power to take from such child forty pounds of his or her respective portions and distribute among the others that are obedient.

Also my will is, that if any of my children are taken away by death before they come to receive their respective portions, then that child's portion to be devided equally amonst the surviving.

Also, I give to my grandson Andrew Belcher five pounds in Country pay.

Also, I give to my grand child Jonathan Richelson five pounds in Country pay. I also make and constitute Captain John Allyn, my brother John Gilbert & Serjeant Caleb Standly to be helpful to my dear and loving wife, whom I make, constitute and appoint sole Executrix & administratrix to this my last will and Testament & desire that she satisfy them for their paynes, whom I intreat to see this my will attended & performed, revoking all former wills, as witness my hand this 10th day of Septr. 1674.

Signed; sealed in the presence of us, Jonathan Gilbert (L. S.)
John Tallcott
John Gilbert

"The Inventory was taken 12 feb. 1662-3 - Amt. (L2484.17s.9d

	£	s.	d.
Debts, Cash	113	0.	3
Country Pay	66.	14.	6

Besides some debts owing from the Estate at Boston"
The real estate was valued at £ 1312

Hartford Probate Records, Vol. 14

The above was copied from The Gilbert Family in Vol. IV of The New England Historical & Genealogical Register ... for the year 1650. This will on pages 339-41.

The following note follows.
Jonathan Gilbert Jr. married Dorothy (D. of Rev. Samuel and Hope Stow) of Middletown. She was born about 1658. He petitioned the General Court - in consequence"of the smallness of the legacy bequeathed to (him) by his father's will made about 8 or 9 years before his decease" - for some further provision from the estate, pleading that he was the eldest son by a first wife (Note below Johathan Gilbert was maryed unto Mara Wright, on January the twenty ninth, one thousand six hundred and five." - Hartf Rec.) and contended that "the law of God in Deut.21:16,:7, seems plainly to hold forth that the first born may not be disinherited on private affection or deprived of his birthright

inheritance." This will was made when his father's "love and affections to ward (him) ran lowest, and his displeasure at the highest;"

COPY
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
NATHANIEL GILBERT,
Deceased

Chambers of the Surrogate
Columbia County
Hudson, N. Y.
September, 1939

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I, Nathaniel Gilbert of Kings District in the County of Columbia, State of New York, being in perfect health of body, mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that it to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors: Nothing doubting but at the last General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the might power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

1st. first. I give and Bequeath to Mary Gilbert my dearly beloved wife two cows for her own disposal, and one third part of my now dwelling house and barn and one third part of my garden and one third part of my household furniture and one third part of that lot of land that I bought of Asel Demming lying near to Joseph Cornwall and one great Bible all to be at her disposal during her natural life, the Bible to be hers forever.

2. I also give to my eldest son Butler Gilbert one half of a lot of land lying on Bowman Creek in Lines Patent in Montgomery County said lot number 7 being west side of said in first division.

3rd. I also give to my second son Nathaniel Gilbert Jun. the east half of lot No. 8 in the first division in which I have already given a deed to him together with a gore of land lying the south end of said Lines patent containing thirty six acres.

4th. I also give to my third son Thomas Gilbert the whole of the land that is included in a deed I had of Edward Eaxford together with the dwelling house and barn I now possess excepting the one third of the house and barn that I have already given to my wife during her natural life.

5th. And I do give to my fourth son Allen Gilbert one half of a lot No. 8 being the west half of said lot in the patent aforesaid in the first division.

6th. And I do give to my fifth son Giles Gilbert the last half of lot No. 7 in the first division on the patent aforesaid.

7th. And I do give to my eldest Daughter Dorothy Plum fifty five pound lawful money of Connecticut which she has already as will appear on Book, and

8th. I do give to my second daughter Hannah Cande fifty five pound lawful money of Connecticut which she has already has as will appear on book.

9th. And I do give to my third Daughter Polly Cornwell fifty five pound lawful money of Connecticut and what has not been paid to her she is to take her choice in the moveables until she doth receive the

Will of Nathaniel continued.

fifty five pound reconing what she has had.

10th. And after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I give the remainder of my Estate that is not already disposed of in this and Connecticut State to my five sons, namely, Butler, Nathaniel, Thomas, Allen and Giles to be equally divided among them.

11th. And that I do likewise constitute, make, ordain Thomas Gilbert my Son the sole Executor to this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, will, legacies, bequest and Executors by me in any ways before names, willed and bequeasted, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness Whereof, I have here unto set my and and seal this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

Nath. Gilbert L.S.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Prounounced and Declared by the said Nathaniel Gilbert as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names, the word (be) below the eighth line from the beginning and the word (she) second page below the eighth line and the words (Just debts) in the second page were interlined before signed.

Eleazur Grant

Isaac Pebody

Simeon Hackley

Abstract from the Middletown, Connecticut
early records, regarding the family of Nathaniel Gilbert Jr.

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Nathaniel Gilbert Jn. and Mary Butler were joyned in Marriage covenant, December 26th, 1744,

Dorothy, daughter born to Nath'l Gilbert and Mary his wife, born, October 5th, 1745,

Butler, son " " " " " " his wife, born October 22nd, 1747

Nathaniel, son " " " " " " his wife, born April 23rd, 1750

Thomas, son " " " " " " his wife, born April 1st, 1752,

Hannah, daughter " " " " " " his wife, born June 17th, 1754

Allin, son " " " " " " his wife, born April 23rd, 1756

Giles, son " " " " " " his wife, born April 21st. 1759,

Molly, daughter " " " " " " his wife born, September 18th, 1761

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Butler Gilbert of Middletown and Abigail Woodhouse of Wethersfield were joined in Marriage Covenant, May 7th. 1777,
William, son to Butler Gilbert and Abigail Gilbert, was born, Jan. 4th, 1779.

Vol. 2, page 58.

I, Albert A. Hurd Registrar,
of said Middletown and Custodian of the Records and Seal thereof, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy from Record, Vol. 2, Pages -15-58

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

affixed the seal of my office this 3rd day of August A.D. 1921

Attest: Albert A. Hurd
Registrar

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MELLICENT M. EPPS
LIBRARIAN

May 8, 1959

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

The following is taken from "A History of Otego" by Stuart Banyar Blakely, published by Crist, Scott and Parshall, at Cooperstown, New York in 1907, Page 31

"The records of Old Otego are in the Town Clerk's office at Oneonta, and the minutes are as follows:

The first Town Meeting agreeable to appointment of the Legislature was held at Trumon Harrison's on April ye 5th, 1796. When the following officers were elected - viz:

1st. Butler Gilbert Supervisor

4th. Jonathan Johnson
Ezra Barton
George Scramling" Commissioners of Highways

There are references to other officers, but we are mentioning only those in which you are interested. There may also be references to these other people in other material in our possession, but it would take quite a bit of research to verify it. If you are interested we will go into the matter more thoroughly.

This publishing company is now out of business, but you might be able to run across one of these books second hand sometime.

Sincerely,

Mellicent M. Epps
Head Librarian

From records of the Rev Daniel Nash which are in the Cooperstown Museum Library. He was the first rector of Christ Church in Cooperstown, the founder of St. Andrew's church in New Berlin, N. Y. A great missionary who rode all through this section. He died in Burlington, N. Y. and was buried in Christ Churchyard at Cooperstown. He was often referred to as Priest Nash

Baptisms

1798

Abigail wife of Butler Gilbert b. Mar 31, 1753; bpt Jan 7, 1798

Parents	
Butler Gilbert & Abigail	Ch. William b. Jan 4, 1779
	Asenath b. July 3, 1785
	Sylvester b. Sept 24, 1787
	Lloyd b. Mar 30, 1790
	John Jay b. May 29, 1792
	Levi b. June 1, 1794
	Morris b. Oct 12, 1796 (he md Olive Eldred)

all bpt on Jan 7th, 1798

1799

Butler Gilbert & Abigail — Ch. Walker b. Aug 4, 1781
Butler b. July 12, 1783
were bpt Aug 19th, 1799

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Cooperstown Freeman Journal May 1825
Died at Baton Rouge, La., on 1st of May 1825, Dr. Lloyd Gilbert ae 35 yrs, formerly of this village

1823 - died at Laurens, Feb 1823, Mrs. Abigail Gilbert ae 70 yrs wife of Butler Gilbert

Apr 20, 1850 - Died in New Lisbon on the 10th inst, Jonathan Tiffany. Only 4 days previous to his death two of his children were removed by same deseace (scarlet fever), Juliette on the 8th ae 6 yrs, and Ellen on the 6th inst ae 3 yrs; only survivor is his wife. (P.S. I found his will at Cooperstown which was made the day he died).

Otsego Democrat Paper

Died in Laurens on 28th of June 1859, Mr Peleg Carr in the 77th yr of his age, after a protracted illness of severe suffering which he bore with Christian resignation for many months previous to his death - the deceased emigrated from R.I. to Otsego Co. when 15 yrs of age which time he resided on the same farm until his death. Respected by all who knew him for his urbanity of manners and upright dealing with his fellowmen and died in full faith in the Christian religion.

Died in Laurens on Apr 18, 1860, Morris Gilbert in 64th yr of his age. He was born and resided until the time of his death on the homestead of his father, Butler Gilbert, who was among the first settlers of the town.

GRAVESTONES IN OLD HARMONY CHURCH YARD

Mrs Abigail Gilbert
Consort of Mr. Butler
Gilbert Died January
29, 1823 in the 70 year
of her age

She lived till time her
life did solv and
when God's trumpet
blew, Without a
strugle or a groan
she bid the world
adiu

In memory of
Butler Gilbert Esq.
who died May
the 3rd 1827
Aged 79 years.

Patty M.
wife of
Wm. Gilbert
died Mar. 1, 1864
AE 79 yrs 7m.

William Gilbert
died
Feb. 16, 1852
AE 73 y'rs.

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Bible, family, cemetery, gravestone, census, town, county and state records, etc., have been used whenever available.

An attempt has been made to list the following in the order in which authorities refer to the text in the article.

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Above record of part of the land purchased for the homestead of Edwin Walker Gilbert. Adjoining land was also purchased from Ira Thurston.

Note - Other deeds and wills are to be found filed at Cooperstown, including the will of William Gilbert and Peleg Carr.